# **Using Energy**

## Vocabulary:

• energy the ability to cause motion or create change; i.e., do work

• conduction moving heat energy between two things in contact

• convection moving heat as matter moves

• radiation energy that is sent out in waves or rays

• transfer to move from one place to another

• electricity transmitting energy by electric currents

• appliance a thing that changes energy from one form to another

• energy-efficient wasting less energy when used

### **Comprehension Questions**

- 1. Explain how conduction works using a pan of hot water.
- 2. What kind of energy do kitchen appliances need?
- 3. Explain how one kind of energy can be made into another.
- 4. In what way does the sun heat the earth?
- 5. How does a radiator heat a room?
- 6. Why do some cars waste more energy than other cars?
- 7. Name two ways you can save energy.

#### **Activiies:**

#### **❖** Poster Project:

Supplies Needed: scissors, glue, construction paper, poster board, markers, crayons, colored pencils, rulers, yarn, magazines (for cutting up)

- Break students into groups of three. Then have one student from each group draw an energy topic out of a hat. The selected term will be the topic of the poster the student groups will collaborate on and design together. The steps are as follows:
  - a.) Students select a poster the teacher provides.
  - b.) Student groups research their term and discuss how they will decorate it.
  - c.) After agreeing on the format, the students decorate their posters showing how energy works in our lives today.
  - d.) After the groups have completed their poster, they plan how they will present their energy report to the class as in an oral report format.
  - e.) The scoring rubric is based on creativity, accuracy of information and final presentation to the class.
- ❖ Students complete a chart that identifies the four types of energy introduced in the movie: heat energy, sun energy, chemical energy and light energy.

TYPE OF ENERGY	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
HEAT		
ELECTRICAL		
LIGHT		
CHEMICAL		