

### ENERGY

#### **Two Types of Energy**

Energy is the ability to do work. There are two types of energy.

- One type of energy is energy that is waiting to happen but has not happened yet. This is called **potential energy**.
- Another type of energy is called kinetic energy. This type of energy is energy that is happening now.



#### Forms or Energy

There are many forms of **energy**. **Chemical energy** holds the particles of matter together and is stored **energy** that is waiting to happen. Batteries are an example of chemical energy. The chemicals in the batteries interact together and release **chemical energy** as electrical energy which sends electrical power to the toy or appliance that is running on battery power.



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The foods that we eat have chemical energy. **Chemical energy** in food gets changed into **mechanical energy** which is what helps us move our arms, legs, and our other body parts.

**Mechanical energy** is energy that is happening or waiting to happen, so it includes both the potential and the kinetic energy of an object.



#### Lesson Checkpoint: What is an electrical charge?

When **energy** changes form, heat is given off. For example, when you rub your hands together quickly back and forth, you are creating **heat energy**. You can feel the heat energy in your hands.

**Matter** is made up of tiny particles. The particles that make up matter move because they energy. Heat causes the particles that make up matter to move faster.



**Thermal energy** moves from warmer matter to cooler matter. If you place a cool object in a warm liquid, **thermal energy** will move from the warm liquid to the cool object. When the object and the liquid become the same temperature, the flow of heat energy will stop.



## Lesson Checkpoint: What is given off when energy changes form?



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**Light** is also a form of energy. Light is energy that travels at very high speeds. **Light** can be **reflected** which means it bounces off an object. **Light** can also be **absorbed**, which means light is taken in by an object. **Light** travels in a straight line. When an object blocks light, a **shadow** is created.



# Lesson Checkpoint: Look around you...can you see three materials that are opaque?

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