



# Offshore Wind 4 Kids



WORKBOOK



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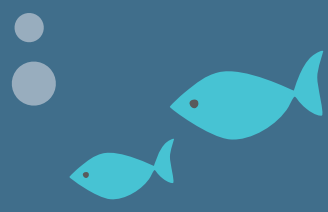


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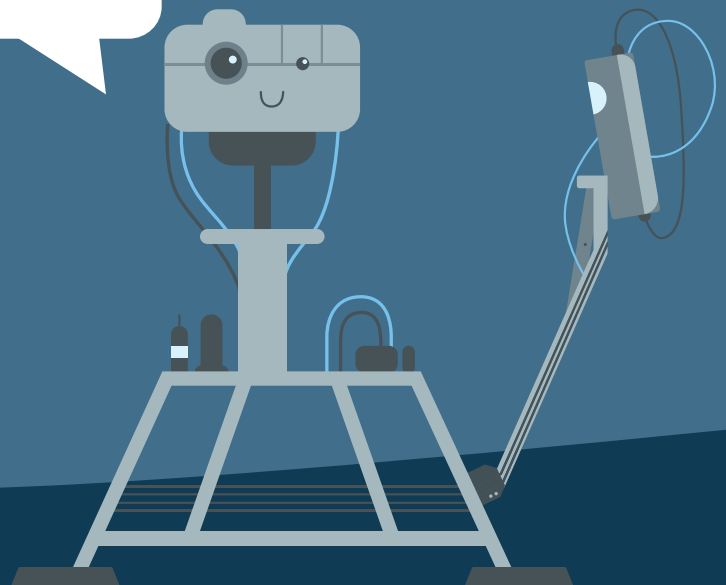
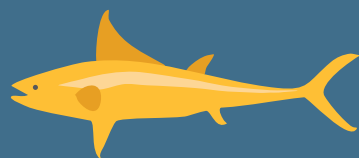
# What is COVE?



COVE is an innovation hub that is focused on developing and using innovative marine technology to solve real-world challenges.



Hi! I'm Stella.  
Come explore marine  
technology with me!



# Marine Technology Industry

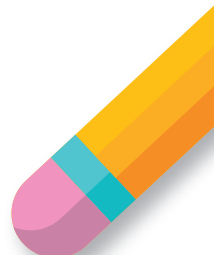
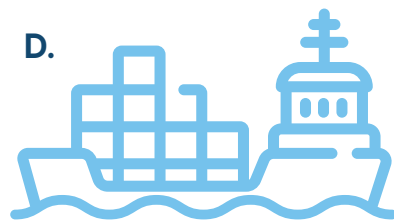
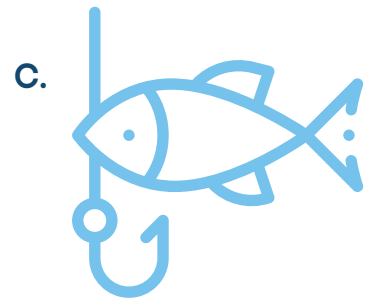


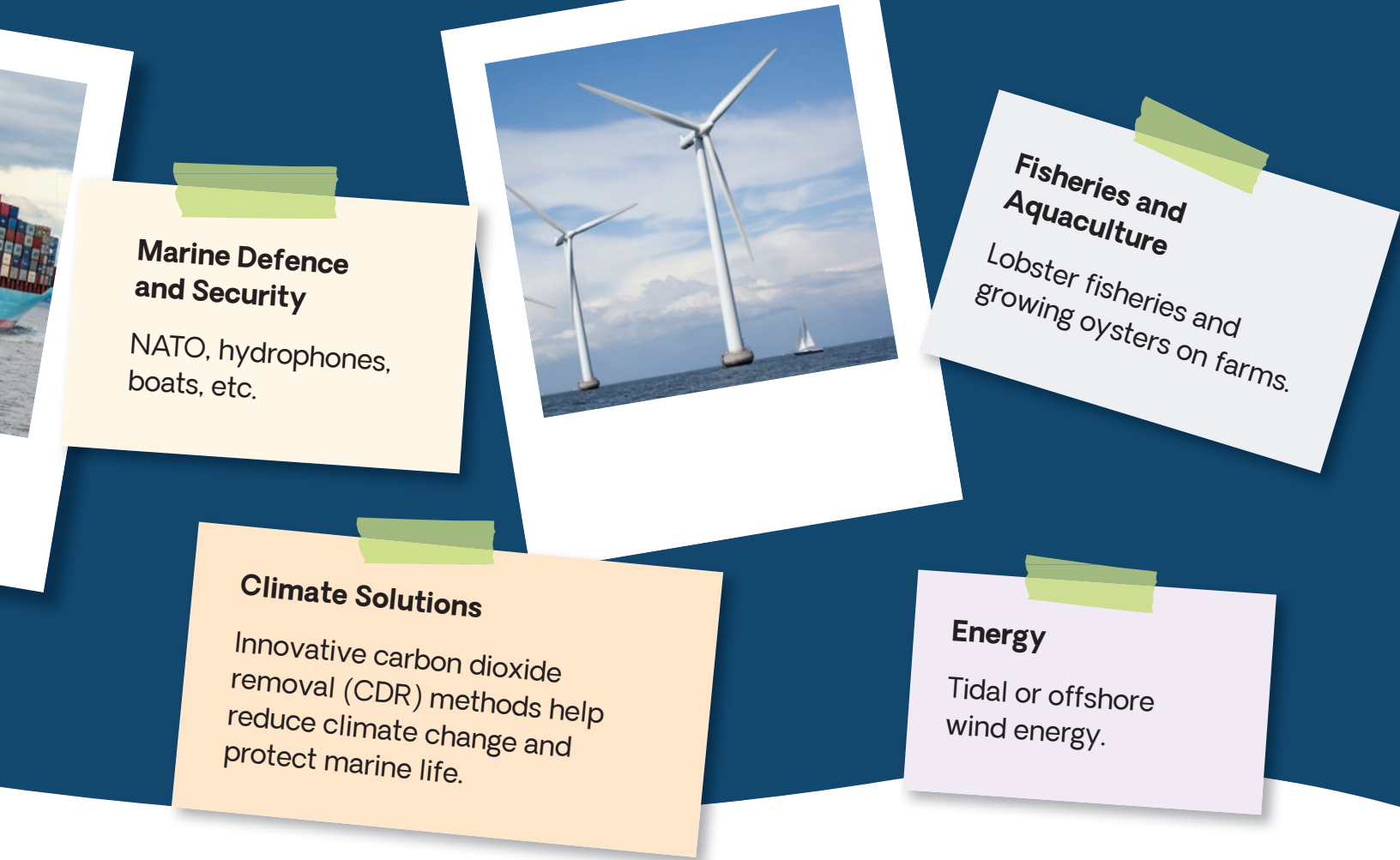
What industries can you find marine technology in?

**Marine Transport**  
Shipping our Amazon packages back and forth.

## Marine Sectors!

Marine sectors consist of five major industries that work together to explore, utilize, and develop sustainable solutions for our ocean, lakes, and waterways. Match the icons below to the correct industries by drawing them into the blank circles.





**Marine Defence and Security**

NATO, hydrophones, boats, etc.

**Fisheries and Aquaculture**

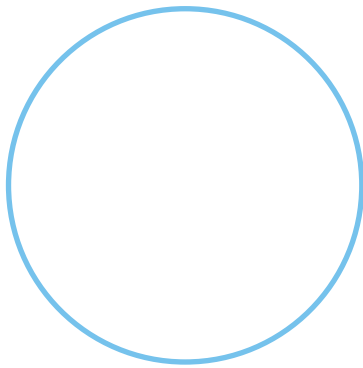
Lobster fisheries and growing oysters on farms.

**Climate Solutions**

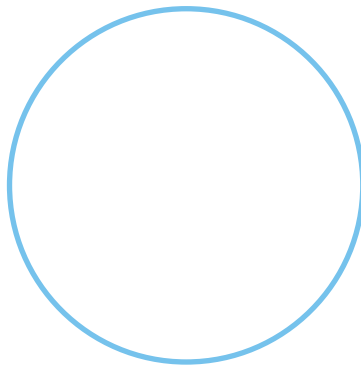
Innovative carbon dioxide removal (CDR) methods help reduce climate change and protect marine life.

**Energy**

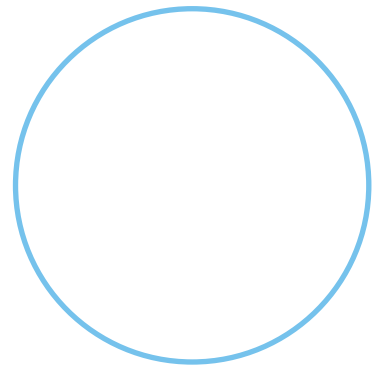
Tidal or offshore wind energy.



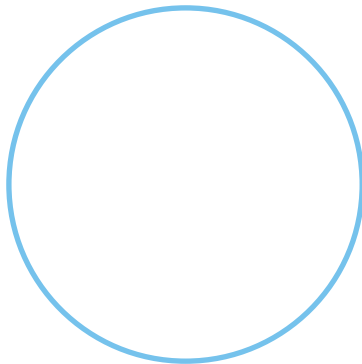
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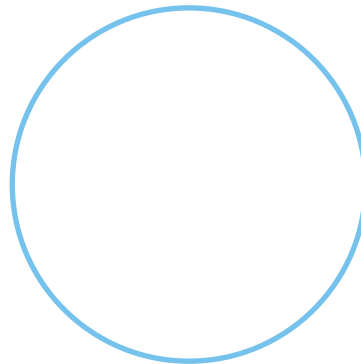
2. Energy



3. Marine Transport



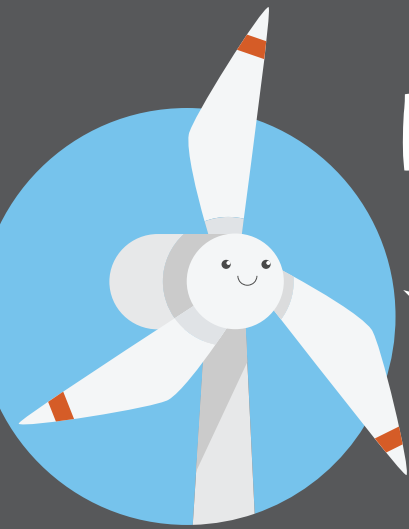
4. Climate Solutions



5. Marine Defence and Security



ANSWERS: 1. C, 2. E, 3. D, 4. B, 5. A



# Energy

Energy is the ability to do work, make things happen, and cause changes!



You can get energy from **Two** different sources:

## 1. Non-Renewable Energy

Comes from a source that will run out or will not be replenished in our lifetimes.

## 2. Renewable Energy

Comes from a source that is not depleted when used.

## Word Search

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G Y N Z C N E Z I L H Q G Z P  
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Non-Renewable

Oil

Natural Gas

Coal

Nuclear Energy

Renewable

Solar

Wind

Geothermal

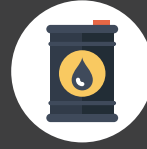
Hydro

Biomass

# What Sources of Energy Do We Use in Nova Scotia?



**Imports:** Energy purchased from another country



**Oil:** A liquid found deep underground that is used as fuel.



**Coal:** A black or brown rock that, when burned, releases energy into the form of heat.



**Wind:** A renewable source of energy that uses air movement to make electricity.



**Natural Gas:** A mixture of several gases forming slowly beneath the Earth's surface.



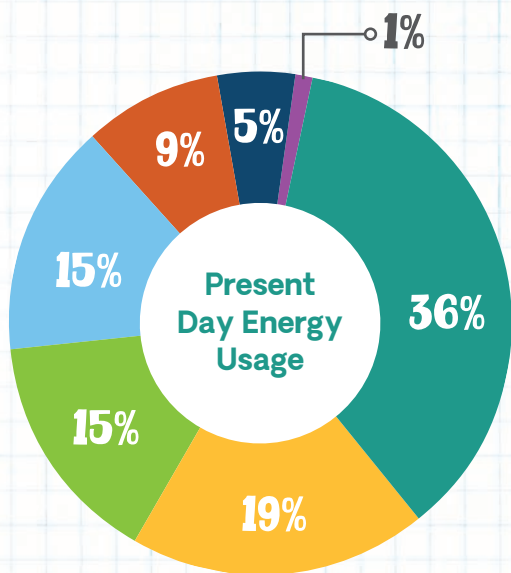
**Hydro:** A renewable source of energy that uses the force of moving water to make electricity.



**Other Renewable Sources**

## What energy sources does Nova Scotia use the most?

Match the energy sources with the correct percentages.



- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_



**Did you know:**  
80% of our energy is projected to come from renewable sources by 2030?

**ANSWERS:** 1. Coal, 2. Wind, 3. Oil, 4. Natural Gas, 5. Hydro, 6. Other Renewables, 7. Imports

# What is Wind?

## Fill in the Blanks

1. Wind is \_\_\_\_\_ which is in \_\_\_\_\_.

### Word Bank

Air

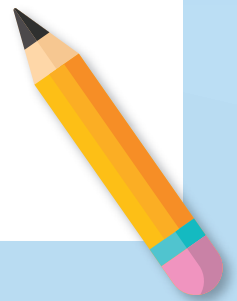
Movement

Fire

Earth

Rest

Pause



**Did you know** that air has weight? It weighs 1.2 kg/m<sup>3</sup>!



# Wind and Power Produced

## Fill in the Blanks

2. As the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wind \_\_\_\_\_,  
the amount of power made \_\_\_\_\_.

### Word Bank

Hint: The words in  
the word bank can  
be used twice!

Speed

Increases

Stays the  
same

Movement

Decreases

ANSWERS: 1. Air, Movement, 2. Speed, Increases, Increases

# What is a Wind Turbine?

## Parts of a Wind Turbine

**Blades:** Each turbine has 3 to 6 blades. These catch the wind and allow the rotor to start rotating.

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**Rotor:** A part of the rotating part of the turbine; three blades are attached to it.

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**Nacelle:** A large metal structure that holds all of the parts that produce power, ex., generator.

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**Shaft:** A 'stick' that transmits mechanical energy from the rotor to the generator.

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**Tower:** This structure, made of round steel tubes, supports the nacelle and gives the turbine most of its height.

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**Controller:** The computer that controls the pitch angle of the blades and the orientation of the turbine into the wind.

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**Generator:** This changes the mechanical energy of the rotor into electrical energy.

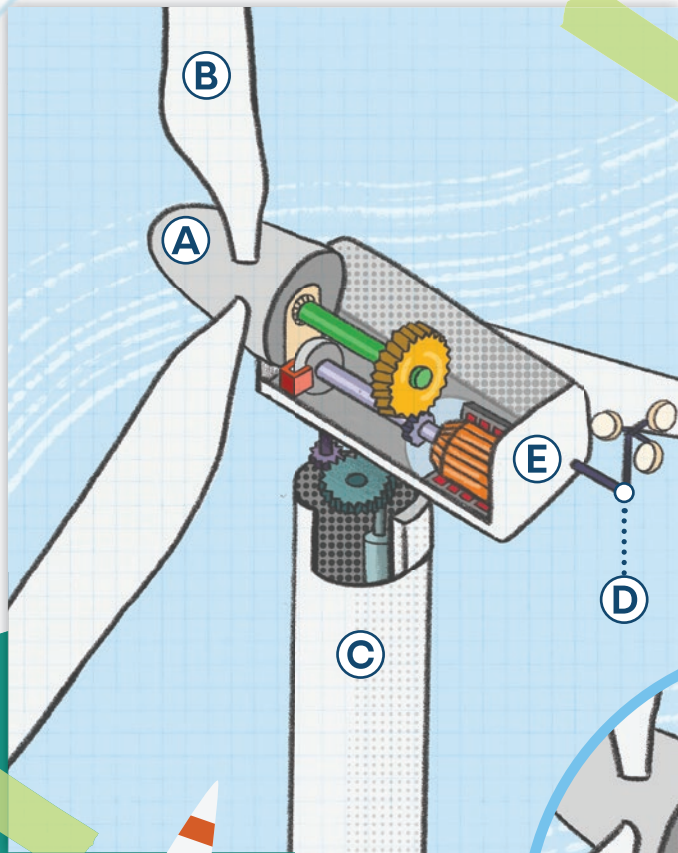
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**Anemometer:** Attached to the controller, which measures the wind speed.

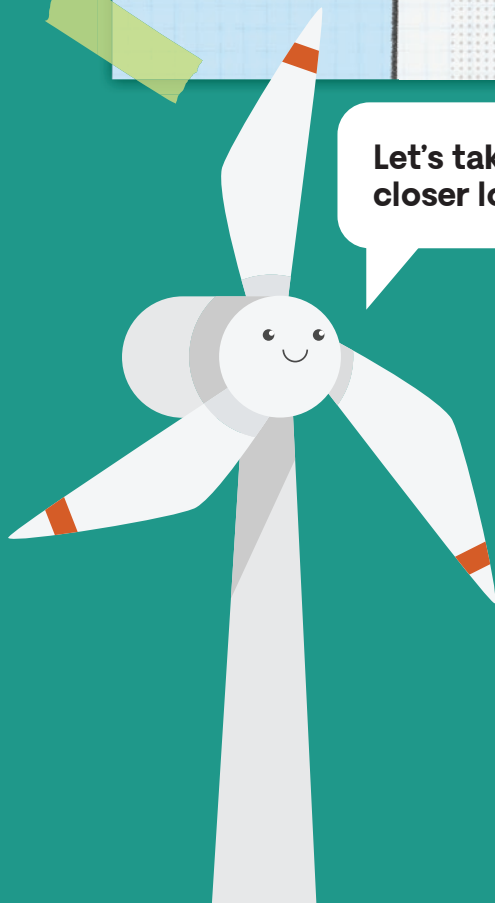
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# Time to Label a Turbine!

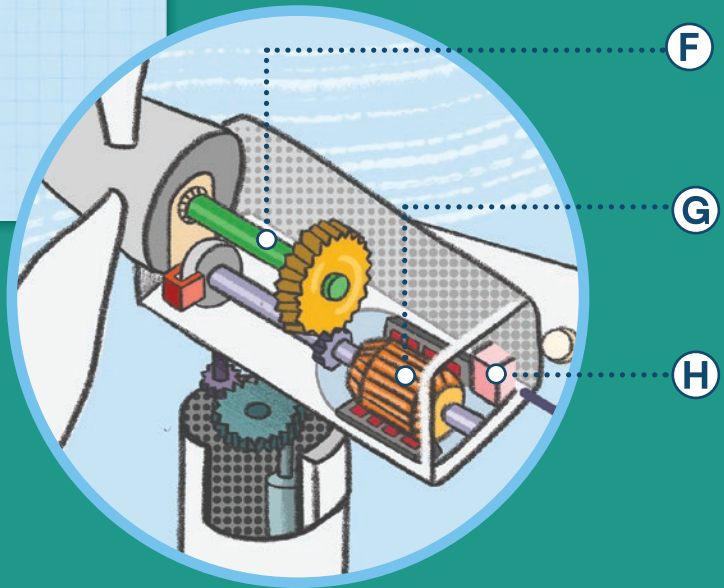
Let's learn about the different parts of a wind turbine that work together to produce power!  
Use the word bank to help you label each part.



- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_
- E. \_\_\_\_\_
- F. \_\_\_\_\_
- G. \_\_\_\_\_
- H. \_\_\_\_\_

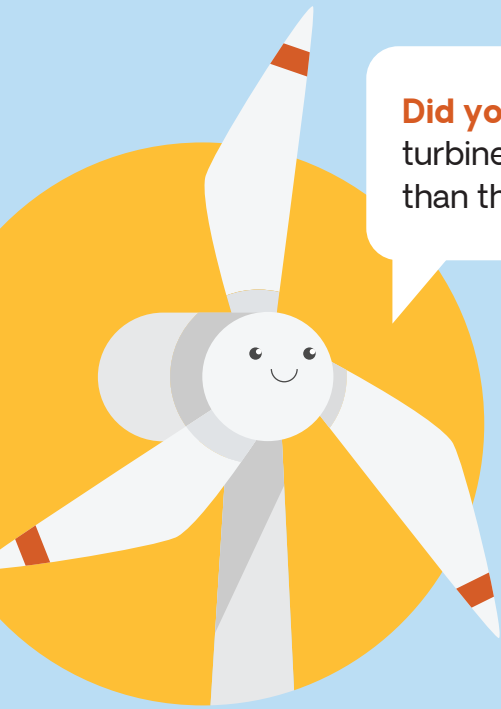


Let's take a closer look!

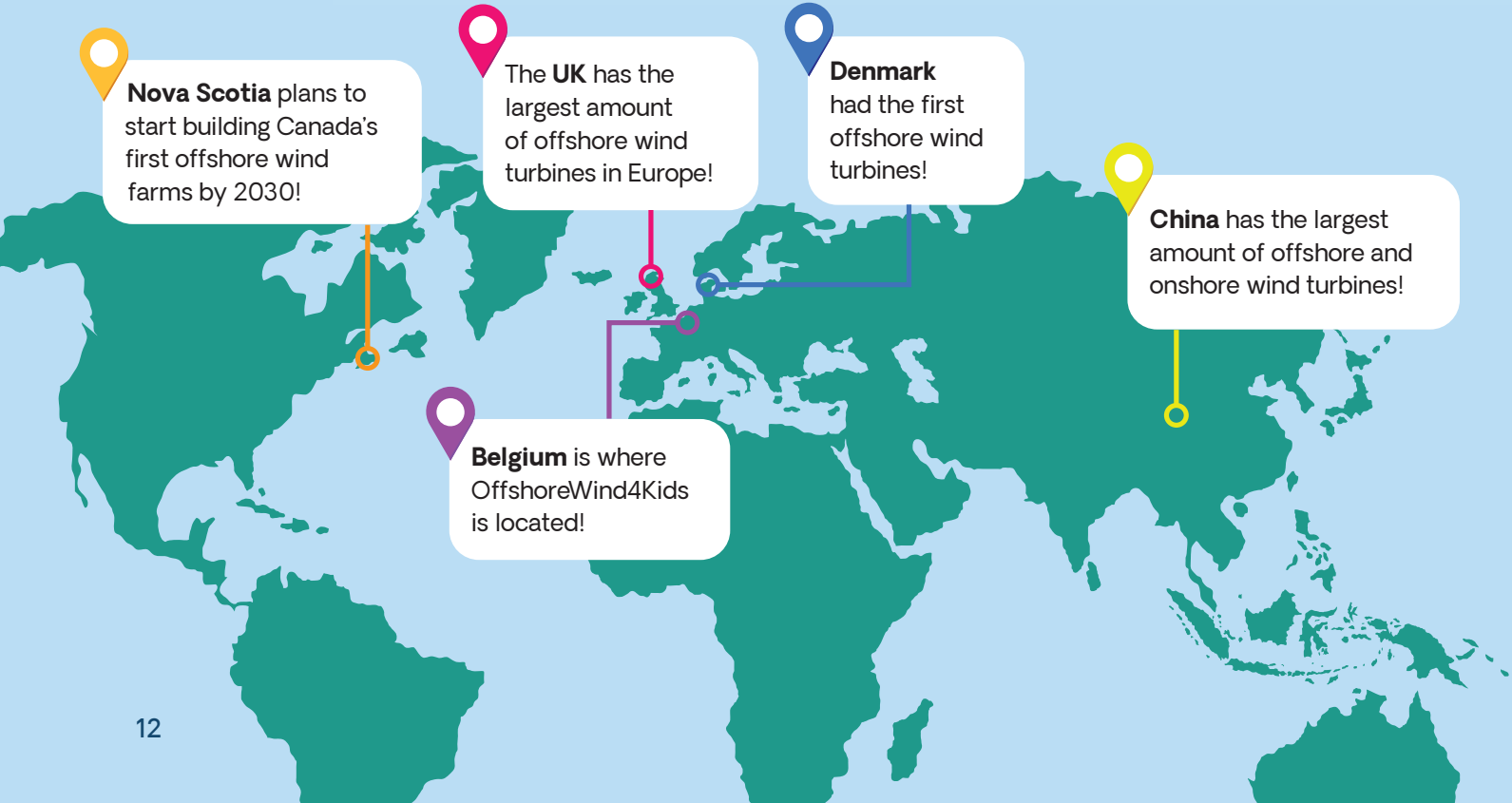
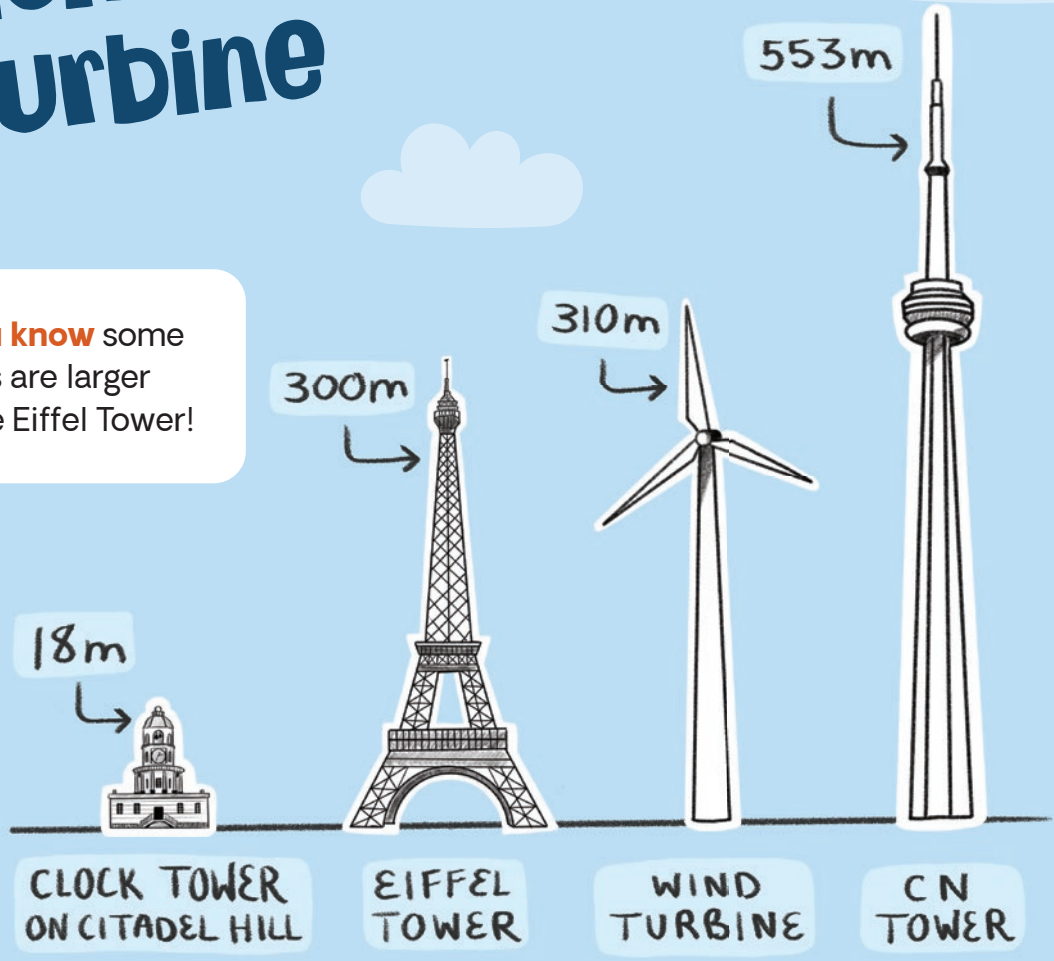


ANSWERS: A. Rotor, B. Blade, C. Tower, D. Nacelle, E. Generator, F. Nacelle Housing, G. Shaft, H. Controller

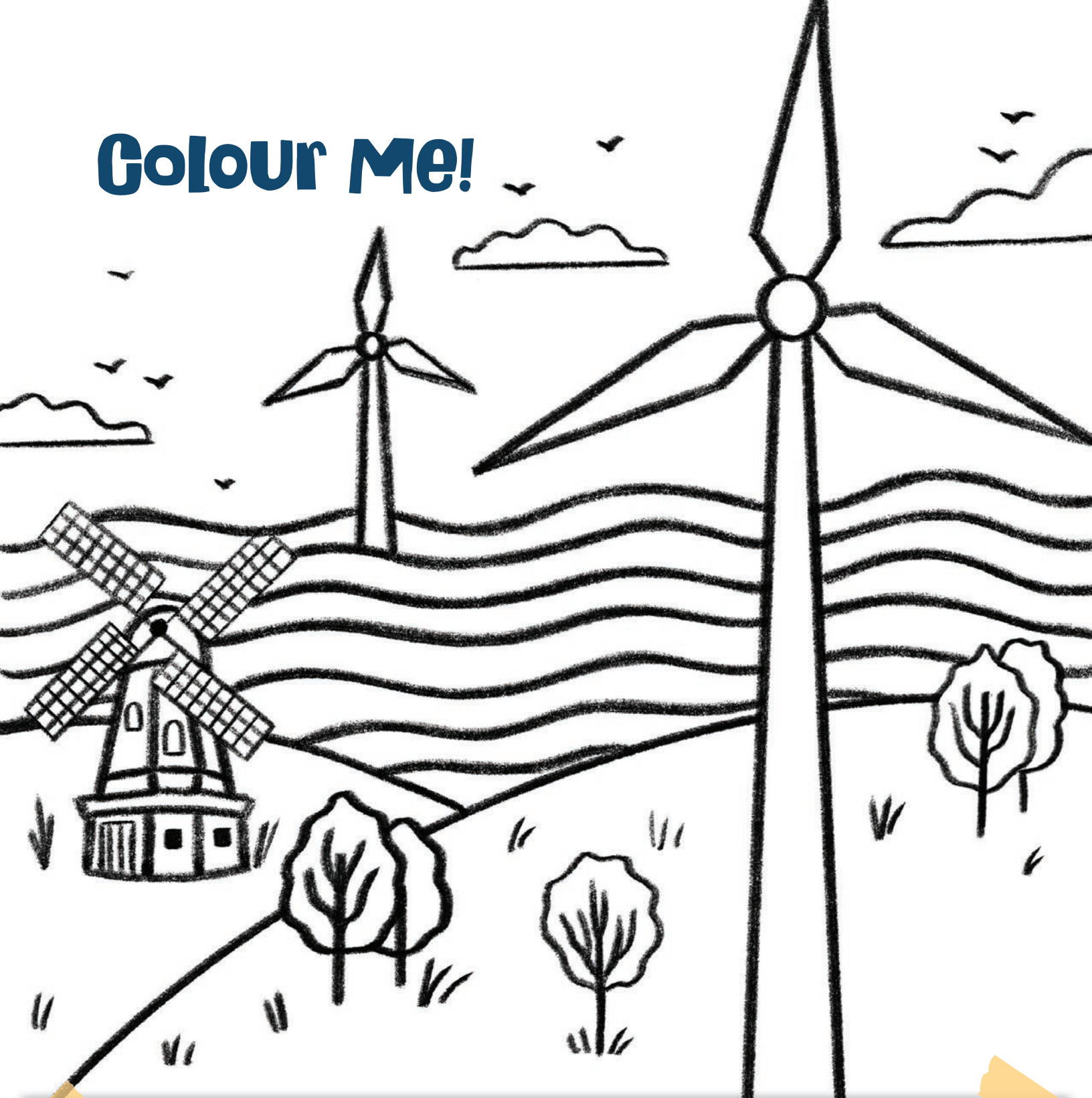
# Evolution of a Wind Turbine



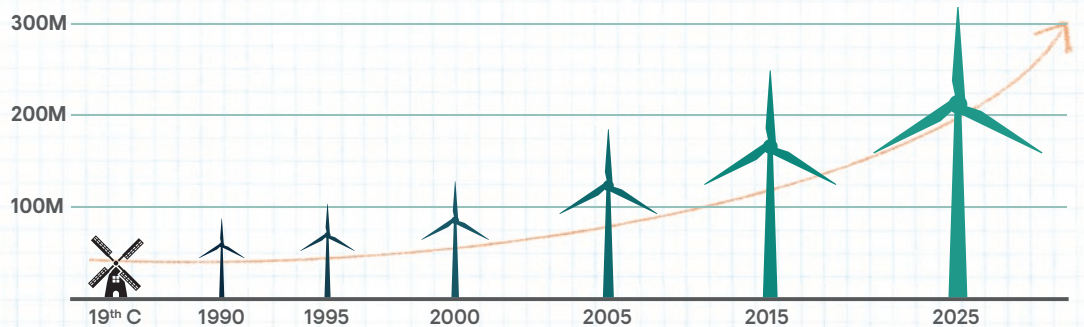
**Did you know** some turbines are larger than the Eiffel Tower!



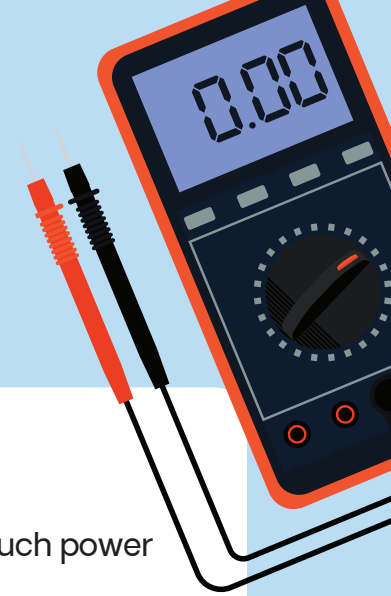
# Colour Me!



Wind turbines have not always been so tall! They started out under 100 m and have gotten **bigger** as technology has improved.



# How to Measure Electrical Power



## Fill in the Blanks

1. Turbine technicians can use a \_\_\_\_\_ to measure how much power a wind turbine produces.
2. A multimeter measures \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, which, when multiplied, tells you how much \_\_\_\_\_ you are producing.
3. We measure power as it can let us know how much \_\_\_\_\_ we are consuming – this allows us to see any issues with our turbine and work to improve how much \_\_\_\_\_ it produces.

### Word Bank

Voltage

Multimeter

Power

Electricity

Energy

Current

## Match the Definition

Draw a line connecting each word on the right to its correct definition on the left.

### A. Electricity

1. The ability to do work or make things move, machines go, and living things grow.

### B. Power

2. A form of energy that can give things the ability to move and work.

### C. Energy

3. What makes an electric charge move. The “push” that causes electricity to move in a wire measured in the unit of Volts (V).

### D. I=Current

4. Is the movement of an electrical charge over time measured in the unit of Amperes (A).

### E. V=Voltage

5. The rate at which energy is used, Aka a measurement of how fast you use energy.

# Calculate Electrical Power

Electrical power measures how much energy is used in a circuit and is calculated using the formula  $P = V \times I$ , where power (P) equals voltage (V) times current (I). The higher the voltage or current, the more power a device uses, helping us understand energy efficiency and electrical performance.

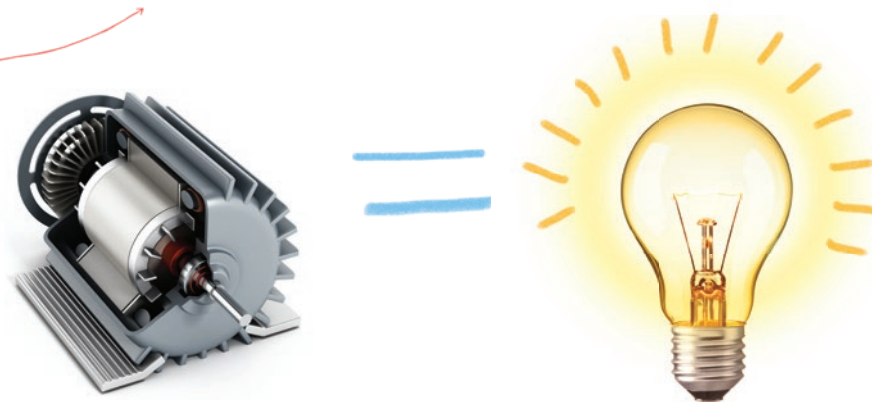
**Electrical power (Watts-W) = Voltage (V) x Current (I)**

1.  $V1 \times I1 = 4 \text{ V} \times 2 \text{ A} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

2.  $V1 \times I1 = 5 \text{ V} \times 3 \text{ A} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

## Did you know?

The rotation of the magnet inside the generator is what produces power!



**ANSWERS:** Fill in the Blanks: 1. Multimeter, 2. Voltage, Current, Power, 3. Energy, Electricity, Match the Definition: A to 2, B to 5, C to 1, D to 4, E to 3 Calculate Electrical Power: 1.8W, 2.15W

# Offshore Wind Turbines

What are the two main reasons we want offshore wind over onshore wind?

1. There is a lot more \_\_\_\_\_ in the ocean.
2. There are higher \_\_\_\_\_, which produce more \_\_\_\_\_ than it would on land.

## Word Bank

Power

Sound

Wind Speeds

Waves

Space

Turbines

## Fill in the Blank

Which wind turbines are FIXED and which are FLOATING?



a. Spar BUOY



b. Monopile



c. Gravity Based

# Different Types of Offshore Wind Turbines

**FIXED Offshore Wind Turbines:** We normally build fixed offshore wind turbines in shallow waters (< 60 m depth). Fixed to the bottom of the ocean floor by a support structure.

**FLOATING Offshore Wind Turbines:** In deeper waters, floating structures are ideal and can open many areas worldwide for development. The turbine is put on top of a floating structure which is kept in place by anchors.



**d. Tension Leg Platform**



**e. semi-submersible**



**f. Jacket**

ANSWERS: 1. Space, 2. Wind Speeds, Power  
A. Floating, B. Fixed, C. Fixed, D. Floating, E. Floating, F. Fixed

# Careers in Offshore Wind



## WIND TURBINE TECHNICIAN

Technicians perform technical tasks with their hands to keep wind turbines functioning correctly. Some of these tasks can include fixing the wiring, checking in on the gears, and measuring the electricity produced. To become a wind turbine technician, you can attend community college (College of the North Atlantic). You can also become a technician with work experience in the trades (e.g., electrician and mechanic).



## ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

Responsible for understanding how to design and operate all the various electrical components needed to make wind turbines work. You can become an engineer by attending university (e.g., Dalhousie, Acadia, St. FX, etc.).



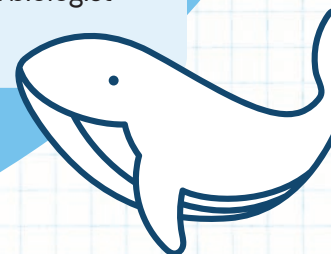
## WELDER

Use specialized tools to “weld” or join various metal components that are used to build wind turbines. You can become a welder by attending community college (e.g., NSCC, NBCC).



## BIOLOGIST

Studies the impacts of offshore wind turbines on local birds and marine life. Commonly used for environmental assessments. You can become a biologist by attending university (e.g., Dalhousie, Acadia, St. FX, etc.).





### DRONE PILOT

Many offshore wind turbines are too tall to send someone up to check on them constantly. Therefore, drones are used to fly over to look at the turbine's condition. You can take an online exam to get certified as a drone pilot.



### ROPE ACCESS TECHNICIAN

Are in charge of attaching themselves to the turbines with ropes and climbing up the structure to do maintenance. No certifications or previous education is needed.

## Word Search!

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