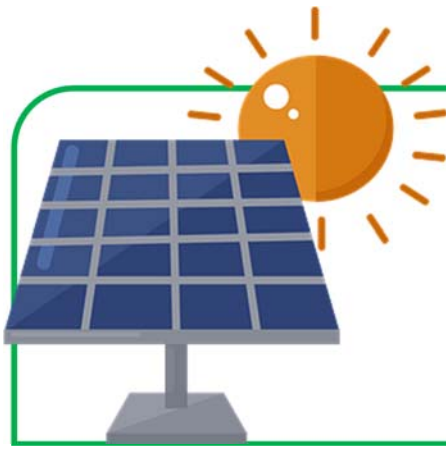


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## Eliminate & Focus

**Directions:** Read the passage carefully. Identify which details are **important** because they connect to the main idea. Cross out the **unimportant details** that do not support the main idea. After eliminating, write a short statement of the central idea in your own words.

### The Rise of Solar Energy

Solar energy is becoming one of the fastest-growing sources of renewable power. Homes and businesses are installing solar panels to reduce electricity costs and cut down on pollution. Countries around the world are investing heavily in solar farms that can power thousands of households. The first solar panels were invented in 1954 by scientists at Bell Laboratories. Some panels are even designed to float on lakes and reservoirs, saving valuable land space. Solar energy is clean, renewable, and helps fight climate change. My neighbor just painted his house bright blue last weekend. Experts believe that as technology improves, solar energy will become the leading power source of the future.

### Questions

1. Which details in the passage should be crossed out because they do not connect to the main idea?

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2. After crossing out those details, what is the central idea of the passage?

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