

## THEME 6 ALTERNATIVE ENERGY LISTENING SKILL (NOTIFIER)

**A. You will hear Linda and Kate talking about excessive energy consumption. Listen and take notes about the problems and solutions. (Tapescript 8.1)**

**Problems**

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**Solutions**

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### **Tapescript 8.1**

**Kate :** There's another very serious problem. It is not directly environmental, but it helps environmental problems get even worse.

**Linda :** What is that?

**Kate :** Excessive energy consumption.

**Linda :** How does that happen? And why?

**Kate :** Well, there are a lot of reasons for that. To me, the most important one is comfort.

**Linda :** Comfort?

**Kate :** Exactly. If most people used public transportation instead of driving to work, there would not be so much emission from vehicles.

**Linda :** That's right. How else does it occur?

**Kate :** Most people feel lazy to shut down their computers. While on, they continue to draw electricity. So, people should be convinced to shut down their computers before leaving office.

**Linda :** Another problem is low-quality electric light bulbs. If people paid more and got LED bulbs, it would cost only up to 75% less. There's a huge waste there.

**Kate :** Oh, that's right. A lot of people are talking about that nowadays.

**Linda :** They need to. And vampire power. While on standby, devices such as television sets, microwave ovens, scanners, and printers, all continue to draw small amounts of energy. In the US alone, the total electricity consumed by idle electronics equals the annual output of 12 power plants.

**Kate :** Incredible! Unbelievable!

**Linda :** It is. We had better unplug idle electronics.