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**INGLÉS**

**Texto para  
los alumnos  
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**TEXT**

**VOTERS SPLIT OVER NUCLEAR POWER**

Almost half of Britons say no new nuclear power stations should be built in the UK, according to a *The Guardian* poll which comes as ministers consider whether to restart Britain's controversial atomic power programme to meet growing energy demand. The poll finds that neither the pro- nor anti-nuclear lobby can rely on a clear majority of public support.

A review of Britain's energy policies was announced by Tony Blair last month and a report is expected in the summer. Sir David King, the government's chief scientific adviser, told the Commons environmental committee last month: "I do not think that any government could proceed with nuclear new build if there was a sense in which this was unacceptable to the public. Taking the public along is absolutely essential."

The government's decision to look at nuclear energy marks a shift in position from that outlined in a white paper two years ago, which said: "Current economics make it an unattractive option for new, carbon-free generating capacity and there are also important issues of nuclear waste to be resolved." *The Guardian* interviewed 1,004 adults aged 18-plus by telephone between 15 and 18 December 2005.

**QUESTIONS**

**1. Read the text and, according to it, answer the questions. Use your own words. Answers will be assessed from 0 to 1 each (3 as a whole).**

- a) What is the reason for a review of Britain's energy policies?
- b) Why is the result of this poll so important?
- c) What did economics suggest about energy in the past?

**2. Transform or complete the following sentences according to the instructions. Answers will be assessed from 0 to 0.5 each (2 as a whole).**

- a) Transform into reported speech: "There are important issues of nuclear waste to be resolved."  
Begin: *A white paper said ...*
- b) Write a question to which the underlined words are the answer: *A report is expected in the summer.*
- c) Join the following two sentences by means of a relative pronoun: *Tony Blair announced a review of Britain's energy policies. He is the Prime Minister of the British Government.*
- d) Transform into passive: *The Guardian interviewed 1,004 adults.*

**3. Find a synonym in the text for each of the words below. 0 to 0.25 each (1 as a whole).**

- a) carry on                      b) fundamental                      c) resolution                      d) grown ups

**4. Write about one of the following topics, between 70-100 words (0-4 marks).**

- a) Reasons for and against nuclear energy.
- b) Which governmental decisions should be submitted to public opinion?