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Describe your cartoon to your partners and state its message.
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Reference to the first four drawings: nuclear power station, oil rig, coal mine, wind turbine

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1. Talking on your own
Detailed description of cartoons and adequate interpretation:
Student A
cartoon consists of one drawing and two speech bubbles
- background: three wind turbines on the left, a coal and gas powered station on the right
- wind turbines covered with large spider webs
- spider coming down from one of the turbines
- turbines have obviously been out of order for some time
- coal and gas powered station produces large clouds of water vapour
- clouds provide sharp contrast to the blue sky
- foreground: two men; man on the left is looking up to the blades of the wind turbines
- seems to be frustrated/worried
- text in speech bubble explains why: turbines have stopped turning → do not generate energy/electricity

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Message: All forms of energy have advantages and disadvantages. Wind energy: clean and renewable form of energy but in contrast to conventional power stations wind turbines are unreliable because the blades stop turning when there is not enough wind.

Student B
cartoon consists of one drawing
- background: a solar panel and wind turbine factory with eight chimneys producing a lot of thick black smoke which pollutes the air
- smoke provides a sharp contrast to the blue sky
- foreground: lawn and large sign with smiling sun
- sign: “Solar and Wind Turbine Factory — ‘Doing our part for a clean energy future!’”
- slogan and sign: sharp contrast to black smoke
- slogan: ironic

Message: Renewable energies also harm the environment - to produce clean energy wind turbines and solar panels are needed which are produced in factories. Steel, concrete, aluminum and other materials have to be made: energy intensive processes generally involving fossil fuels

Student C
cartoon consists of four drawings and a heading
- “Arguments Against —” cartoon is meant to point out arguments against different forms of energy
- first drawing shows accident at nuclear power station: huge explosion polluting the environment
- second drawing: accident on an off-shore oil rig: black smoke polluting the air and going to pollute sea and beach; fish and other animals may also be affected by the accident
- third drawing: coal mine and black smoke polluting the air, entrance to mine blocked by large rocks — if there are miners inside they will most probably be dead.
- smoke from inside the coal mine; crosses on the left: a lot of people have already lost their lives e. g. in the coal mine / as an effect of air pollution — dangerous workplace/energy
- fourth drawing: wind turbine and man saying: “It’s in my backyard!” — man is furious because the turbine is in his backyard: spoils the beauty of his backyard / is noisy

Message: There are arguments against all forms of energy, but in contrast to nuclear power stations, oil rigs or coal mines wind turbines do not pollute the environment → no serious danger to humans or animals, generate clean energy, accidents are unlikely to happen.
Offending some people’s aesthetic sensibility: seen as a minor problem.

2. Talking together
Alle Schülerinnen und Schüler:
- vergleichen ihre Cartoons hinsichtlich ihrer “messages” / erkennen Unterschiede
- tauschen sich über die wesentlichen Aspekte zum Thema „wind energy“ aus (advantages and disadvantages)
- einigen sich bzgl. der Aspekte, die bei ihrer Präsentation im Mittelpunkt stehen sollen und begründen ihre Entscheidung
- einigen sich auf einen Cartoon und begründen ihre Wahl im Hinblick auf die thematische Ausrichtung ihrer Präsentation