

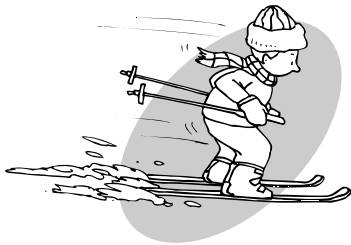
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- Answers**

B. Use each of the following verbs as a gerund, a participle, and an infinitive.



ski

G: _____

P: _____

I: _____



skip

G: _____

P: _____

I: _____



float

G: _____

P: _____

I: _____



shop

G: _____

P: _____

I: _____



run

G: _____

P: _____

I: _____

Bio-gas Fuelled Cars

Cars use gasoline for fuel, but are there really no other options? Of course there are! Options include electric hybrids and bio-gas fuelled cars. It's a wonder we still use gasoline at all.

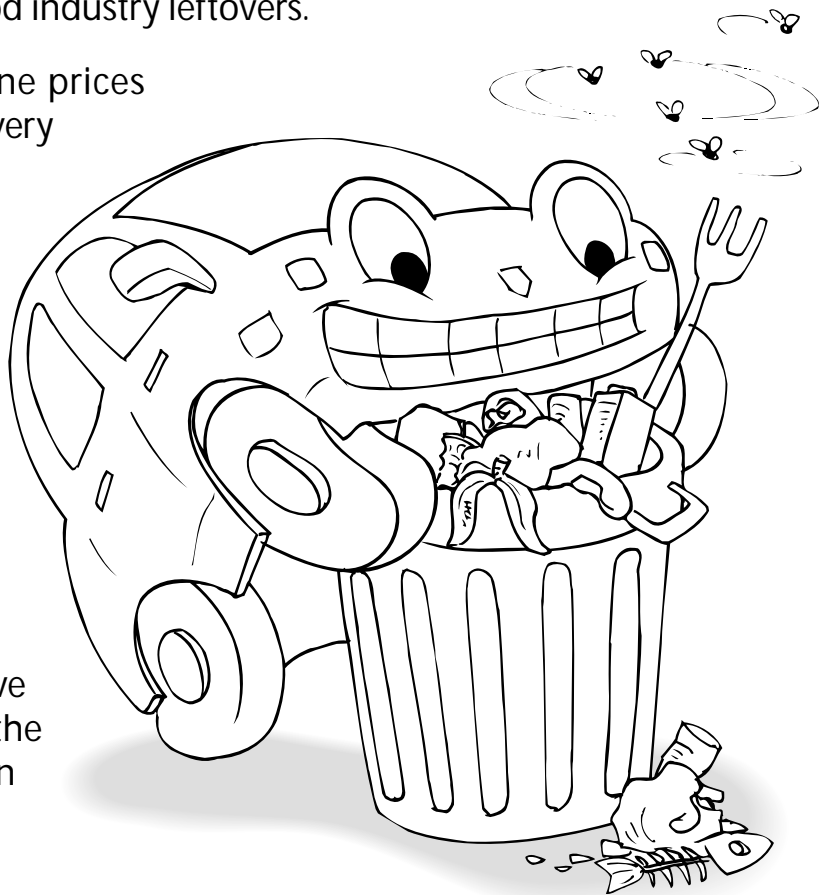
Sweden, a country that has always been among the leaders of clean air and pollution reducing techniques, has been using one of these other options for quite some time. Bio-fuel powered Volvo vehicles can be found all over the country. The vehicles run on methane, which is a bio-gas. Methane is produced when living things decay. Sewers and water treatment plants produce methane. When we "pass gas", we are also letting out a form of methane.

Methane-fuelled cars are highly efficient. Carbon dioxide emissions from a bio-gas fuelled car are about 25% lower than those from a petrol engine. A car running on methane contributes almost nothing to the global warming problem caused by greenhouse gases.

Sweden currently has 21 plants producing bio-gas for vehicles. Of these, nine use raw sewage sludge. Other plants use anything from household scraps to slaughterhouse waste and even food industry leftovers.

As pollution increases and gasoline prices continue to soar, bio-gas could be a very real solution to our current fuel problems. There are 69 filling stations in Sweden and plans for another 40 by 2006. Sweden has over 5300 bio-gas fuelled vehicles already. Although most of them are cars, there are some other heavy vehicles and buses that have made the switch to bio-gas as well.

By 2020, there could be over one million cars running on this alternative fuel system. With Sweden leading the way to a new alternative fuel, we can only wonder why other countries continue to drag their heels.



A. Answer the following questions.

1. Why do we have to consider other fuel options?

2. How is methane produced in Sweden?

3. Which sentence shows that many countries are reluctant to consider switching to using bio-gas?

4. Which sentence indicates that bio-gas fuelled cars will become more and more popular?

B. Imagine you were a bio-gas fuelled car salesperson. Explain to your potential customer why they should consider buying a bio-gas fuelled car instead of a gas car.





Did You Know?

The world's first passenger train that runs on bio-gas had its first journey in Sweden in the fall of 2005.