**Fossil Fuel**

**Introduction**

A fuel formed in the earth from plant or animal remains is known as fossil fuel. The two main types of fossil fuels are Coal and Petroleum. They have been widely used as energy sources at present. However, Coal and Petroleum need to be used judiciously.

**Non-renewable**

However, once they are used up, they will not be restored (or not for millions of years). Hence, they are also known as non-renewable energy sources. According to an estimate petroleum resources will last us for about forty years and the coal resources will last for another two hundred years.

**Pollution**

The use of fossil fuels inevitably leads to the emission of carbon dioxide, which is considered to be a major contributor to the global warming. When combustion takes place in insufficient air (oxygen), then carbon monoxide is formed instead of carbon dioxide

**Save Energy**

Taking a bus, using your personal vehicle or walking/cycling. (ii) Using bulbs or fluorescent tubes in your homes. (iii) Using the lift or taking the stairs. (iv) Wearing an extra sweater or using a heating device (heater or ‘sigri’) on cold days