



Vocabulary

1. competition: In an attempt to increase competition... two or more people or businesses trying to

- a. do better than each other
- b. control by the government
- c. the results of the regulators
- d. control by one company

2. outrageous: The Californians claim it will rein in outrageous prices.

- a. excessive and unrestrained
- B .calm and happy
- c. Generous
- D .realistic

3. gas prices skyrocketed

- a. decrease
- b. shoot up suddenly
- c. to remain calm

4. power producers had the right to hike prices

- a. to lower a tax or price
- b. to keep something rigid and unchanging
- c. to raise an amount suddenly and sharply
- d to cause to disappear or go away

Your Turn

1. What do you use for heating and cooking?
2. Is there an adequate supply of these types of utilities, or are they scarce resources?
3. What percentage of your family income is spent on utilities? Is electricity expensive?
4. How is electricity produced in your area? (Water power, coal, gas, nuclear, other??)
5. What measures are taken to conserve electricity in your area?