

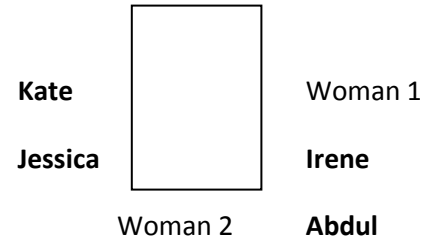
Transcript 1

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When energy becomes less useful, people shrink.

1 **Jennifer:** I was thinking about how in both Energy
2 Theater and in the Energy Cubes, that they had us use a
3 different symbol or a different letter depending on what
4 type of energy is represented.
5 But the concept that you can't go backward, you know
6 that, that uh, you know once you have some of the
7 energy transferred to the floor or the air as heat,
8 that kids might think, that you can, that that's equally
9 reclaimable, or equally can be converted back to a more
10 useful form of energy.
11 **Abdul:** (Be reversible)
12 **Jennifer:** Reversible. So I wondered about, you know
13 what if you introduce the idea, or maybe kids could
14 come up with the idea that the more, in energy theater,
15 the more useful the form of energy is, the taller you
16 stand or something and every time the energy becomes
17 less useful, like if it's sound or heat or something like
18 that, that they shrink,
19 **Irene:** Yah,
20 **Jennifer:** you know?
21 **Irene:** especially as heat because it's wasted, part of
22 entropy, that's why it's () ((gesture))
23 **Jennifer:** Yeah.
24 **Kate:** Although heat is, can be useful, because if you
25 burn coal then heat is useful, and that's what you're,
26 what you're getting, right?
27 **Jennifer:** Right, but, what's useful, is, you know like
28 burning coal heats water, the steam turns the turbine,=
29 **Kate:** Right.
30 **Jennifer:** =so what's really useful is the mechanical
31 energy of the turbine moving
32 **Abdul:** Amount of control could be useful, amount of
33 control, when you can control this amount of heat could
34 be useful,=
35 **Jennifer:** mmhmm.
36 **Abdul:** =but in our cases, (around,) you cannot control
37 the () the heat energy.
38 **Irene:** Exactly.



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