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Bill, one of my friends at school, thinks there should be 100% fossil fuels used everywhere. He wants this because it will put more people to work. My friend Kayla tried to tell him fossil fuels pollute, but he just didn't get it. He replied, "More than 86% of energy comes from fossil fuels. Fossil fuels include oil, coal, and natural gas. Fossil fuels cause a lot of pollution, but we can't help it, we need it to put people to work and provide for our energy needs." Then I told him, "fossil fuels are nonrenewable resources because it takes many, many years to form. If we use only oil to heat our homes, gas to run our cars, and coal for boiling our water, they will run out and we'll have nothing. Fossil fuels play a big part in everyone's life but we need to add some kind of non-renewable source to them."

Another student at Billy's school got inspired to write and present a speech about conserving, but this time anyone from Wakefield could come and listen. She said "You can conserve so much everyday. You could take shorter showers, open your shades and turn the lights off, and much more. When you leave a room make sure to shut the lights off. If you are watching TV and you leave the room shut it off. Conserving is the way to go."

Angela interrupted me to tell Billy that he needed to learn more about ways to help the environment such as recycling. Angela decided Billy wasn't the

only one who had to know more about this topic so she wrote a speech and presented it to the entire school “There are many things to recycle such as paper, plastic, cardboard, and glass. Many people don’t recycle which can become a problem. One good way to recycle is to compost. All you need to do is put all your food scraps into your compost pile and throw some dirt from your yard on top, and in a few weeks your food scraps will become soil. Billy was very impressed and agreed he needed to learn more.

The next day Billy walked to the library. When he came home he had a whole pile of books on how to be respectful to the environment such as “How to start a compost pile” and “Conserving”. Bill was ready to spread the word to everyone he could about being helpful to the environment.