VOCABULARY - NUCLEAR ENERGY EXPLAINED

- **Frustrating**: making you feel annoyed or less confident because you cannot achieve what you want.
  Ex. It’s *frustrating* when you're not on the same page.

- **Get/come to grips with something**: to start to deal with a problem, situation, or job that you have to do.
  Ex. We need to *get to grips with* our different world views.

- **Spin-off**: something useful that results from work done to produce something else.
  Ex. The World Summit on the Information Society produced valuable results; it also had a *spin-off*, a focusing effect.

- **On your feet**: in a good position or condition.
  Ex. Experts say the economy should be *back on its feet* any year now.

- **Hangover**: a letdown, as after a period of excitement.
  Ex. The students hadn’t recovered from their summer break *hangover* yet and did terribly on their first test.

- **To stick with something**: to continue to do or use something, and not change it.
  Ex. If you've found something that makes you happy, you should *stick with it*.

- **To skyrocket**: to increase quickly to a very high level or amount.
  Ex. Housing prices have *skyrocketed* in recent months.

- **Dazzling**: very attractive or exciting.
  Ex. The actor has had a *dazzling* career.

- **Pace**: the speed at which something happens.
  Ex. Since the elections of 1998, the *pace* of reform has been impressive.

- **Underdog**: in a competition, the person or team considered to be the weakest and the least likely to win.
  Ex. It was a surprise to everyone when the *underdog* won the match.
• **Nuclear fission:** a process in which the nucleus of a heavy atom is split apart.

![Image of Nuclear Fission](image)

• **On the brink of:** extremely close to.  
  Ex. *Eagleton is on the brink of an epic financial disaster.*

• **Turbine:** an engine that has a part with blades that are caused to spin by pressure from water, steam, or air.

• **To threaten:** to be likely to harm or destroy something.  
  Ex. *Difficulties experienced by an individual institution may affect other banks in a way which could threaten the banking system as a whole.*

• **Drawn-out:** continuing for or taking a long time.  
  Ex. *The network doesn't want a long, drawn-out trial.*