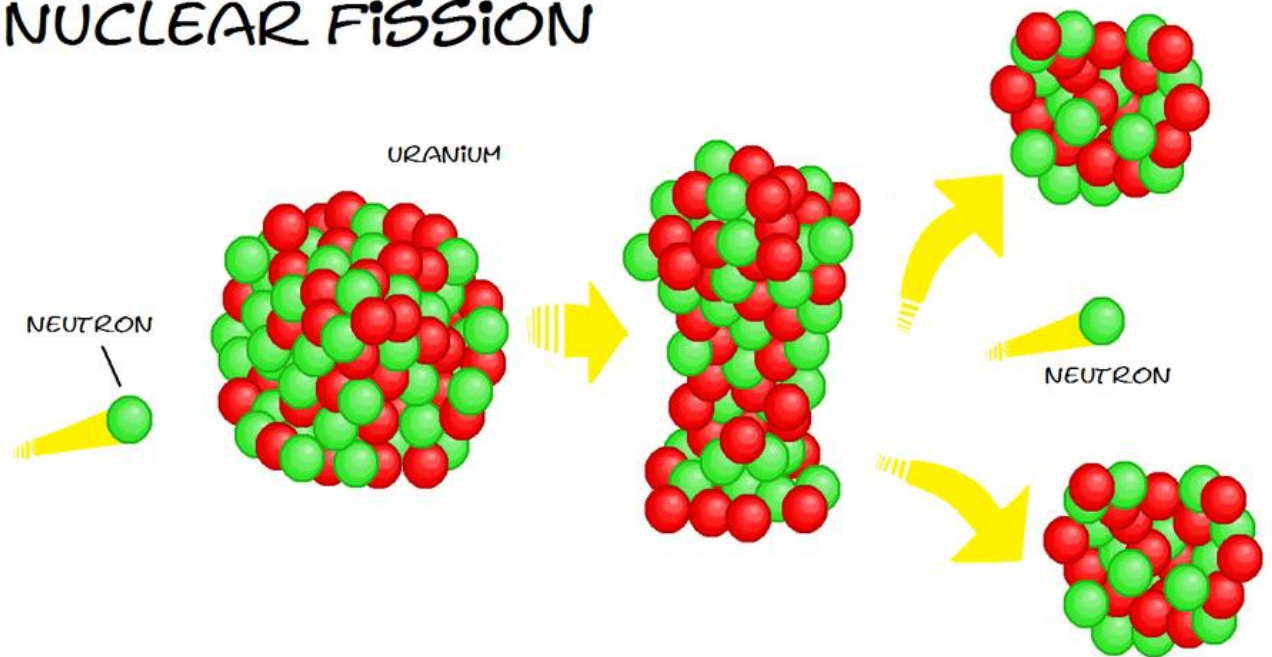


VOCABULARY - NUCLEAR ENERGY EXPLAINED

- **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.

NUCLEAR FISSION



- **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.*