Circuit City Post Activity: Writing with Energy Idioms

To Learn: An idiom is an expression with a non-literal meaning. The meaning of the expression is usually understood by native speakers of the language but not by foreigners because it doesn’t make sense using normal definitions of the words.

To Discuss: Read the idioms below that involve energy-related terms and discuss their meanings with some classmates.

1. Don’t add fuel to the fire.
2. More power to you!
3. Don’t rake him over the coals.
4. Her face lit up.
5. He was out like a light.
6. Can you shed some light on this?
7. We just got our wires crossed.
8. It was down to the wire.
9. That was a hair-raising experience!
10. He charged full steam ahead.
11. We picked up steam.
12. I need to blow off some steam.
13. He was asleep at the switch.
14. She is a live wire!

To Write: Choose three or more of the energy-related idioms and write a short story that allows the reader to catch the meaning of the idioms.