

## Windmills Help Power the World

**Wind** is moving air. We can use the energy in the wind to do useful things. For example, we have used wind power to sail ships for thousands of years. We can also use tools called **windmills** that use the energy in the wind to do helpful things. Windmills have used for centuries to grind grain into flour for baking and pump water from one place to another.



Recently, a teenage boy named William Kamkwamba learned how to build a windmill that helped save his village in Africa from running out of food. He used the energy made by the windmill to pump water up from deep under the ground. The water was used to soak the crops so that they could keep growing when there was very little rain. His inspiring story has been turned into both a book and a movie called, “The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind.”

