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Solar power accounts for 20% of global energy production. In this brief article, you will learn about the history of solar energy and when solar panels were invented for the first time.

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