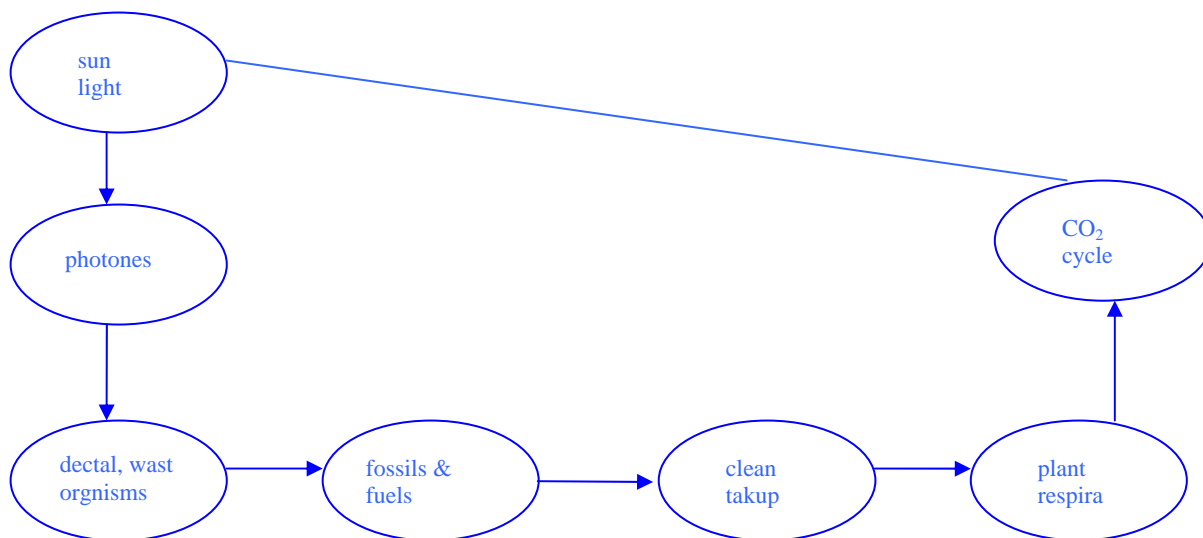


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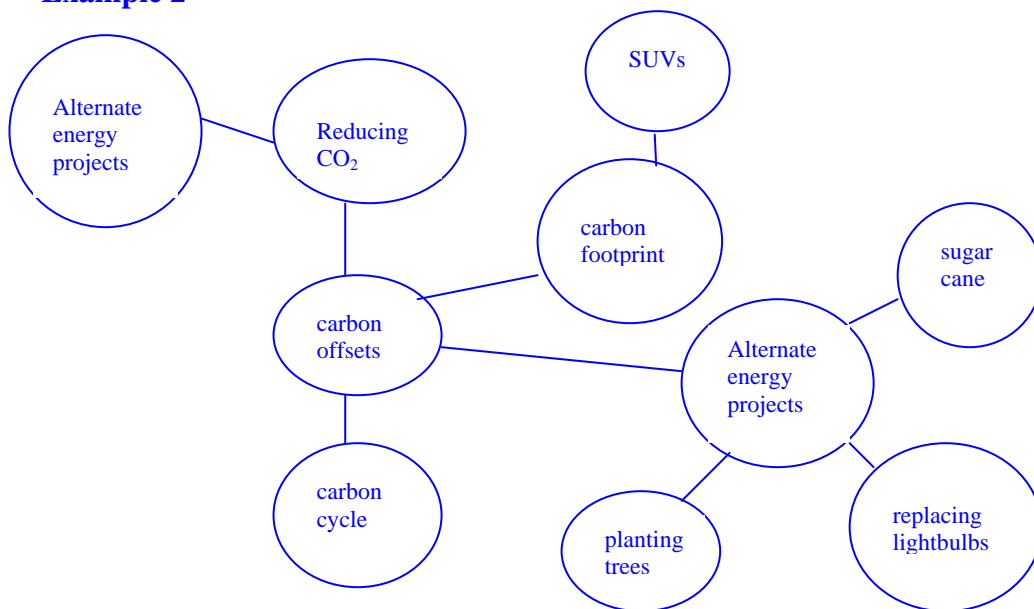
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Example 1

Carbon offsets

- reducing CO₂ emissions elsewhere if usable to reduce one's own
 - plant trees
 - change lightbulbs

How do they work?

- planting trees
 - ☺ → trees absorb CO₂ + emit oxygen, holding the carbon.
 - ☹ → it takes 40-50 years for trees to become useful for storing CO₂
 - ☹ → once the tree dies the carbon is released
- Invest in alternative energy products
 - ☹ → makes people think they can keep living the way they do and to fix it, just pay money to the problem
 - ☺ → alternative energy → wind, solar, etc.

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Example 2

• Carbon Offsets

- people trying to minimize carbon footprint
- carbon offsets have been created to help reduce CO₂ emissions
- can carbon offsets really work?

• Plant Trees

- trees absorb CO₂
- takes plants 40 or 50 years to become useful for this and trees may be killed and once that happens the carbon is released

• Invest in Alternative Energy Products

- companies have directed their money to carbon offsets to save energy

• Carbon plus and minus

- driving smaller vehicles (plus)/driving large vehicles (minus)
- turning off your computer (plus)/letting it run all the time (minus)
- using light bulbs with a small amount of watts (plus)/using with a large amount of watts (minus)

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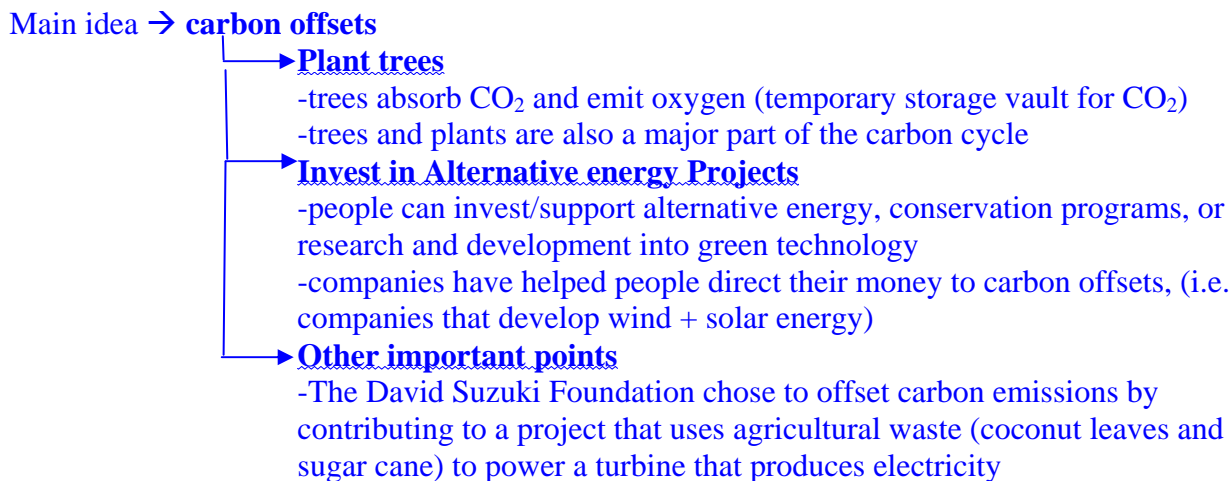
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Example 1

Carbon footprint

- Many people are trying to minimize carbon footprint
- Carbon offsets have been introduced for people who can't avoid gas producing activities
- helps people to reduce CO₂ emissions

Plant trees

- trees absorb CO₂, offset carbon emissions
- may not be the best idea because it takes 30 to 40 years for trees to become useful to store CO₂
- Also the trees might die, releasing the carbon

Invest in Alternative Energy Projects

- hoping to create alternative energy sources
- Getting more people to give money to research and find alternative energy sources

Energy from Sugar Cane

- David Suzuki found agricultural waste that would normally be burned in a field could power a turbine that produces electricity over 7 yrs will save 160 000 tonnes of CO₂ from entering the atmosphere!

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Example 2

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Planting trees is a carbon offset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Trees absorb CO₂ and give off oxygen -Rolling Stones offset their carbon footprint during one tour by planting trees. HOWEVER -Trees take 40 - 50 years to be able to store CO₂. -Trees could die from insects or forest fires, giving off carbon.
Alternative Energy Projects to Offset CO ₂	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Invest in research and development of alternative energy sources like wind, solar -Produce and use energy efficient replacements for everyday items like light bulbs -David Suzuki foundation created a project that used agriculturual waste to power a turbine to create electricity

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Example 1

The Controversy over Promoting Carbon Offsets as a Solution for Cleaner Planet

Pros

- allows individuals and businesses who can't reduce CO₂ emissions to balance the damage they are causing the atmosphere
- celebrities and large companies who engage in and promote carbon offsets, raise awareness for the public.
- Planting trees and investing in wind and solar energy are positive actions.

Cons

- offsets such as planting trees don't reduce CO₂ emissions and many feel like they are just a way of putting off making the changes necessary to solve global warming.
- Many feel it's more important to reduce their carbon footprint by changing their own ways rather than throwing money at the problem
- trees take 40-50 years to become useful for storing CO₂ and can die thus releasing stored CO₂
- are wind and solar energy practical in saving energy?

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What is happening → carbon constantly circulates through the air, earth, and water. But the mass burning of fossil fuels has raised airbourn CO₂ by over 30°. This result of too much CO₂ or other greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere could be a significantly warmer earth.

What are some ways that carbon is being produced?

- trees absorb CO₂ and emit oxygen into our air, which means they act as temporary storage vaults for carbon. But when trees are killed by things like insect infestations, forest fires, or inability to adapt, all the carbon is released.
- one tonne of greenhouse gas emissions is produced by driving 2400 km in an SUV, running a computer for 11 600 hours or 15 months
- by burning wastes

What are some ways to help reduce CO₂ emissions? Examples:

- Carbon offsets allow people or businesses who can't reduce their own CO₂ emissions to help reduce it elsewhere.
- Companies develop wind & solar energy
- project in India uses waste that is usually burned to power a turbine that produces electricity
- change to driving hybrids
- replace standard light bulbs to fluorescent ones.

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