

Reacting to Reading

• Make connections

• Synthesize

• Evaluate

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LEVEL ONE

Example 1

Carbon offsetting does not offer a reasonable solution to global warming because it is cutting back on many things that contribute to the cause of global warming.

Example 2

That's not the only thing responsible for global warming but I do think that it has a part of it.

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LEVEL TWO

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I think that carbon offsetting offers a reasonable solution to global warming because by planting trees you store away carbon and you are reducing carbon emissions. By getting rid of carbon emissions it helps the problems of global warming.

Example 2

I do not believe carbon offsetting offers a reasonable solution to global warming, because people need to do more than just plant trees and buy solar panels like this is suggesting. People need to change their lifestyles.

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LEVEL THREE

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Yes I believe carbon offsetting is a reasonable solution to global warming, because it is an attempt that is using natural materials and resources such as planting trees to make a difference. My sister was hired by a tree planting company one summer. She would plant over 200 trees in one day. Little did she know how good this would be for our environment.

Example 2

It is not a reasonable or complete solution because global warming is caused by CO₂ emissions, and these can only be reduced by individuals changing their lifestyles, like Prince Charles did in the article. Carbon offsets do not reduce CO₂ emissions.

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LEVEL FOUR

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I think carbon offsets offer a reasonable solution because it promotes social involvement as well as the reduction of CO₂. Big companies and celebrities donating to "green" projects raises awareness and encourages the rest of us to be more environmentally aware. Anything that promotes alternative energy sources has to be a good thing. So it's reasonable to say that carbon offsets will help solve the global warming problem.

Example 2

It is not the solution to stopping global warming because carbon from the rest of a person's lifestyle is still being released. As the article said, carbon offsetting allows rich people to feel good about their lifestyle instead of changing their behaviour. If the Rolling Stones stopped using personal jets instead of planting trees, it would be a much better solution.

Example 3

Yes, I believe that carbon offsetting offers a reasonable solution to global warming. Anything that helps the environment has to be a good thing. It's not the only solution, but research and development is an important part of solving the global warming problem. If big companies have money to give to Foundations like David Suzuki it will have positive results.

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