

## Fuel and the environment

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Achieve approach appropriate consequences emphasis ensure environ-  
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The best way to solve the world's environmental problems is to increase the cost of fuel. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Most people would accept that one of the highest 1. \_\_\_\_\_ today is to find a solution on the various 2. \_\_\_\_\_ problems facing mankind. It has been suggested that the best way to 3. \_\_\_\_\_ this is for governments to raise the price of fuel. I am, however, not sure that this is necessarily the case.

One reason why this 4. \_\_\_\_\_ may not work is that there is not just one environmental problem the world faces today. If governments did make fuel more expensive, it might well help reduce the amount of carbon dioxide we produce, and so slow down the rate of 5. \_\_\_\_\_ warming and air pollution. However, it would not help with other major problems, such as 6. \_\_\_\_\_ farming, overpopulation or water pollution. For these problems we need to find other solutions.

A second reason why this approach may not be the most 7. \_\_\_\_\_ is that it places the 8. \_\_\_\_\_ on governmental 9. \_\_\_\_\_ and not 10. \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility. 11. \_\_\_\_\_, most environmental problems are the result of the way we as 12. \_\_\_\_\_ live our lives. If we wish to find a long-term and lasting solution to them, we need to learn to live in a way that is greener or kinder to the 13. \_\_\_\_\_. What governments need to do to make this happen is to 14. \_\_\_\_\_ there is a global programme to educate people of all ages about the environmental 15. \_\_\_\_\_ to their actions.

In 17. \_\_\_\_\_, I believe that increasing the level of taxation on fuel is at best a short-term solution to only one environmental problem. If we wish to provide a home for our children's children, education is likely to be the key to making this happen.