

What if everyone in the world planted a tree?



Trees are one element in the fight against climate change. So what would happen if everyone in the world planted a tree?

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Task: Take notes on the numbers asked below. Then listen again and finish the if-sentences.

- ⇒ area of our planet covered in trees:
- ⇒ trees cut down since start of human civilisation:
- ⇒ number of people on earth:
- ⇒ number of trees currently on the planet:
- ⇒ CO₂ captured by our existing trees:
- ⇒ CO₂ captured by planting 1.2 trillion more trees:
- ⇒ amount of greenhouse gas emissions as a result of deforestation:
- ⇒ number of trees cut down a year:

If everyone planted a tree, it would be a valuable

If we went further, we could make a substantial

We would cancel out a decade's worth of CO₂ emissions if we

If we planted trees near the equator,

- woodlands and forests would be
- within 100 years mature trees would
- we would see a rise in

If we planted trees,

- it would have a positive impact on
- it would lower

It would be more effective if we also

We could protect and safeguard our world if we