



## Fueling The Case

**Directions:** Read the argumentative passage below about renewable energy. Answer the questions that follow. Some will ask you to practice integrating **outside research**: facts, statistics, or examples you already know or can reasonably imagine citing.

- Your responses should combine **close reading of the text** with **research-based support** to strengthen analysis.
- Use complete sentences and support your ideas with both **textual evidence** and **outside knowledge**.

### *The Case for Renewables*

The shift toward renewable energy is not only environmentally necessary but also economically wise. Solar and wind power costs have declined dramatically over the past decade, making them increasingly competitive with fossil fuels. Critics argue that renewable sources are unreliable due to weather conditions, but advances in battery storage and grid design are steadily solving these problems. Instead of clinging to outdated energy systems that accelerate climate change, governments should prioritize policies that expand renewable infrastructure and encourage private investment.

1. What is the central claim of the passage?
2. Identify one counterargument mentioned in the passage. How does the author respond to it?
3. Imagine you are integrating outside research: What **statistic, fact, or example** could you include to strengthen the author's point about the falling costs of renewable energy?
4. How might research on climate impacts (e.g., rising global temperatures, extreme weather) strengthen the urgency of the author's argument?
5. Write a short paragraph (5-7 sentences) that incorporates **both textual evidence and outside research** to argue why governments should prioritize renewable energy.