

Carbon Reservoirs & Global Carbon Cycling



Quick Write

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Turn and Talk



1. Discuss your quick write responses with someone near you:
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2. Discuss one additional question:
 - What does carbon and the carbon cycle have to do with climate change?

It's All About Carbon

- Carbon reservoirs – a place that collects & stores anything that is made completely or partially of carbon
- Carbon cards – exploring diverse carbon reservoirs



- Carbon video
 - As you watch the video, jot down questions or ideas
 - After the video, do a Turn & Talk to share

Where is the carbon in the Sydney Harbor ecosystem?

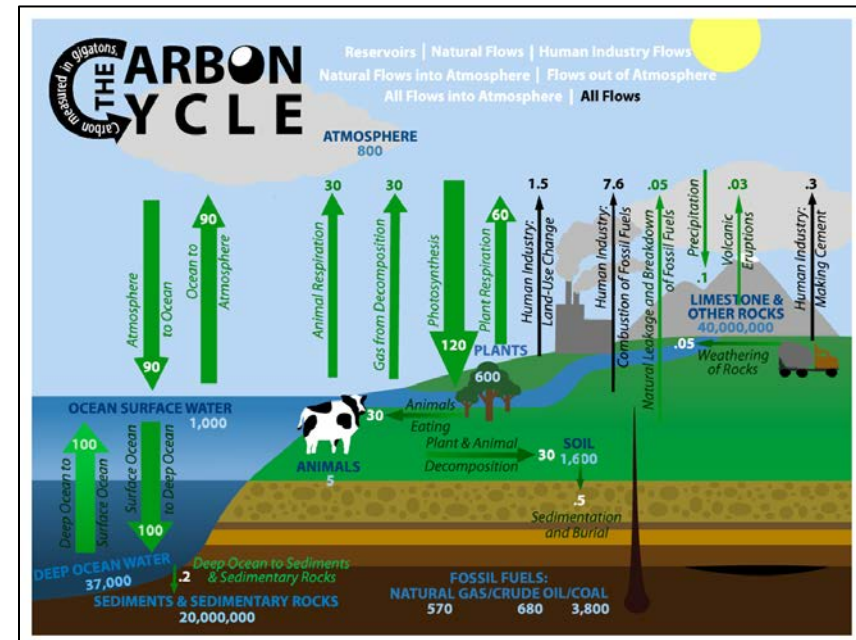
1. Draw a quick sketch of what you see and label the carbon reservoirs
2. Use lines and arrows to show how carbon might flow between reservoirs
3. Record questions about carbon reservoirs and flows.



Carbon Cycle Defined:

Living things take in carbon as CO_2 through the process of photosynthesis and return carbon to the environment through the processes of

- (a) respiration,
- (b) absorption in the ocean,
- (c) decomposition,
- (d) combustion, and
- (e) fossil fuels & limestone.



Return to Quick Write – Line of Learning

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