

The carbon budget on land, ocean and atmosphere 3.1.1.3

Q1	<i>True or False?</i>	
A	Atmospheric carbon levels are increasing because oceans are releasing more	
B	The terrestrial carbon cycle is the only one that involve biological processes	
C	There is a relationship between carbon cycles on land and the atmosphere	
D	Carbon levels in the atmosphere have been rising ever since life first evolved	
E	Ocean, terrestrial & atmospheric cycles are sub-sets of the global carbon cycle	

Q2	Match the correct term to the correct carbon cycle process	
A	Carbon deposits being contained in sedimentary deposits on deep ocean floors.	
B	Magnesium carbonate mountains being converted from a solid into soluble magnesium bicarbonate.	
C	Diffusion of carbon dioxide from one medium to another in a two-way reversible process, but usually more in one direction than another.	
D	Carbon deposits deep in the ocean being buried, compressed and converted under heat and pressure.	
E	Carbon moving from atmosphere into plants through photosynthesis, building biomass, dying, decomposing and being fed on by soil bacteria.	
Select from: Ocean-atmosphere exchange Lithification Chemical weathering Fast carbon cycle Sequestration		

Q3	Allocate the terms/phrases to the most appropriate carbon sub-cycle		
	<i>Terrestrial carbon cycle</i>	<i>Ocean carbon cycle</i>	<i>Atmospheric carbon cycle</i>
	Marine snow	Dry decomposition	Gas exchange (net loss)
	Surface biomass	Acid rain	Calcification
	Photosynthesis	Zooplankton	Solid-soluble conversion
		Bicarbonate ions	Methane radiation absorption

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Q4	<i>Graph the changing proportion of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Describe the change and suggest reasons.</i>
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Year	Atmospheric CO2 ppm
1960	320
1970	329
1980	342
1990	356
2000	373
2010	392
2016	407
2050	?

Q5	<i>Explain how different feedback cycles operate in carbon regulation on the earth</i>
A	A negative feedback process regulating carbon transfers
B	A positive feedback process amplifying carbon transfers