



Figure 1:
Illustration
of
Hypothetical
Environment

1. What does the illustration in Figure 1 depict?

Carbon Cycle (1 pt)

2. List two (2) sinks and two (2) sources of carbon in the atmosphere.

Sources (4 pts total):

Dissolved CO₂ in water

Respiration

Combustion

Land Clearing Biomass destruction

Sinks (2 pts each)

Dissolved CO₂ in water

Photosynthesis

3. List two (2) sinks and two (2) sources of carbon in the ocean.

Sources (4 pts total):

Dissolved CO₂ in water

Marine plankton respiration

Erosion

Sinks (4 pts total):

Dissolved CO₂ in water

Marine plankton

Photosynthesis

Organic sediments

4. Based on the numbers provided in the illustration (in gigatons per year) calculate the net annual exchange of carbon in the atmosphere. Show your work.

Sources

90 Dissolved CO₂ in water

100 Respiration

5 Combustion

2 Land Clearing Biomass destruction

Total = 197 gt/year

Sinks

92 Dissolved CO₂ in water

102 Photosynthesis

Total = 194 gt/year

Net change is 3 gt/year (3 Pts)

(1 pt partial credit for work shown)

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