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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the primary process by which plants convert carbon dioxide into organic matter?

Hint: Think about the process that plants use to create their food.

- Respiration
- Photosynthesis
- Decomposition
- Combustions

Which of the following are considered major carbon reservoirs? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about where carbon is stored in the environment.

- Atmosphere
- biosphere
- Oceans
- Sun

Explain the role of the oceans in the carbon cycle.

Hint: Consider how oceans absorb and release carbon.

List two human activities that significantly impact the carbon cycle.

Hint: Think about activities that release or sequester carbon.

1. Activity 1

2. Activity 2

Which of the following best describes the carbon cycle?

Hint: Consider the interactions of carbon in different spheres of the Earth.

- A process that occurs only in the atmosphere
- A cycle that involves the exchange of carbon among Earth's spheres
- A method for producing fossil fuels
- A system that only affects plant life

Part 2: Comprehension and Application

How does deforestation affect the carbon cycle? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about the consequences of removing trees.

- Increases atmospheric CO₂ levels
- Enhances photosynthesis
- Reduces carbon storage in trees
- Promotes biodiversity

Describe how human-induced climate change is linked to alterations in the carbon cycle.

Hint: Consider the effects of increased greenhouse gases.

What happens to carbon when fossil fuels are burned?

Hint: Think about the chemical reaction that occurs.

- It is stored in the lithosphere
- It is released as CO₂ into the atmosphere
- It is absorbed by plants
- It remains unchanged

If a new technology reduces CO₂ emissions by 50%, what potential impacts could this have on the carbon cycle? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the broader implications of reduced emissions.

- Decrease in atmospheric CO₂ levels
- Increase in ocean acidification
- Reduction in global warming
- Increase in fossil fuel reserves

Imagine a scenario where ocean temperatures rise significantly. Predict how this might affect the carbon cycle.

Hint: Consider the effects on carbon absorption and marine life.

Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Analyze the relationship between ocean acidification and marine biodiversity. How does the carbon cycle play a role in this relationship?

Hint: Think about how increased CO₂ affects ocean chemistry.

Which factors contribute to the increase of CO₂ in the atmosphere? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider both natural and human-induced sources.

- Photosynthesis
- Fossil fuel combustion
- Deforestation
- Ocean uptake

What is the primary reason for the imbalance in the carbon cycle due to human activities?

Hint: Think about the main sources of carbon emissions.

- Natural volcanic eruptions
- Industrial emissions
- Increased plant growth
- Ocean currents

Evaluate the effectiveness of current global policies aimed at reducing carbon emissions. What improvements would you suggest?

Hint: Consider the strengths and weaknesses of existing policies.

Propose two innovative solutions to enhance carbon sequestration in urban environments.

Hint: Think about technologies or practices that could be implemented.

1. Solution 1

2. Solution 2

Which of the following strategies is most likely to have a long-term positive impact on the carbon cycle?

Hint: Consider sustainable practices versus temporary measures.

- Short-term industrial shutdowns
- Sustainable agricultural practices
- Temporary reduction in car usage
- Seasonal tree planting