### Warm-Up: How is Earth's atmosphere like a blanket?



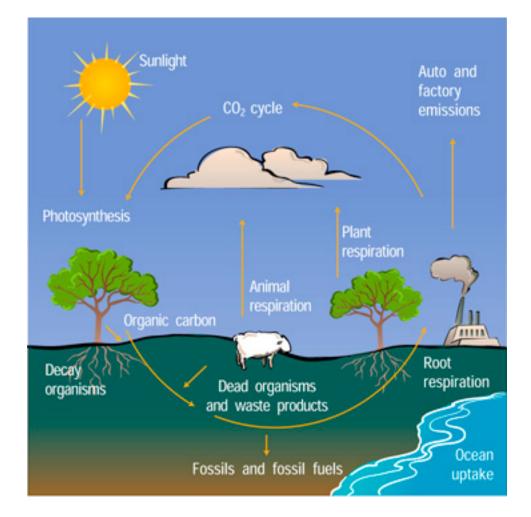
## Partner A: Earth's atmosphere is like a blanket because

## Partner B: You said Earth's atmosphere is like a blanket because \_\_\_\_\_\_, is that correct?

### Partner A: (responds)

Partner B: I agree/disagree with you because

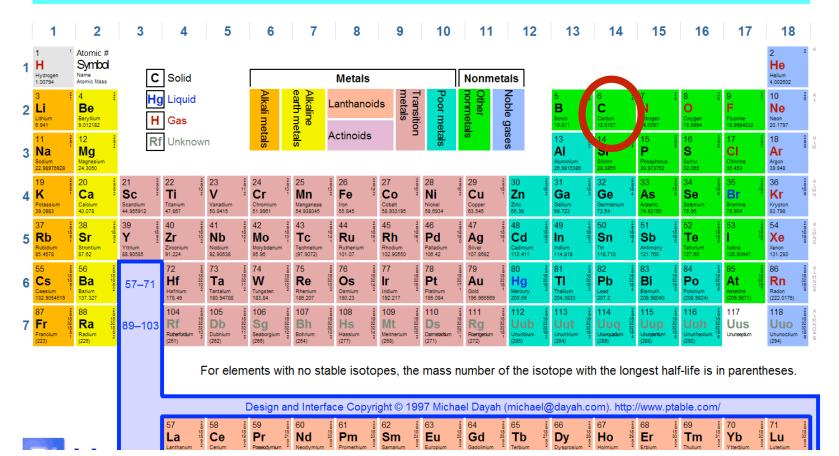
# Introduction to the Carbon Cycle



## What is Carbon?

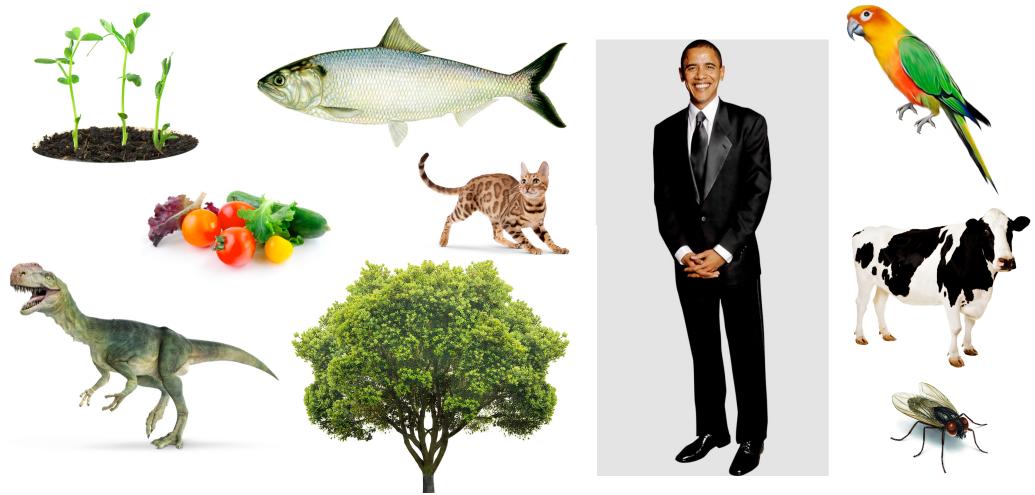
Carbon is an **element** on the periodic table. It can exist as a solid, liquid or gas. Many people are familiar with the gas form of carbon known as **Carbon Dioxide (CO2)** 

### **Periodic Table of Elements**



## What sorts of things are made of carbon?

All living things are made of carbon!



## What sorts of things are made of carbon?

All things that are made from living things are made of carbon:



## What sorts of things are made of carbon?



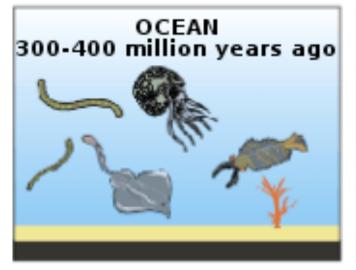
### What is a fossil fuel? A fuel (such as oil, gas and coal) made over millions of years from the

bodies of dead plants and animals.



#### They are **fuels** made from **fossils**

#### Petroleum and natural gas formation



Tiny sea plants and animals died and were buried on the ocean floor. Over time they were covered by layers of silt and sand.



Sand and Silt

#### Plant and animal remains

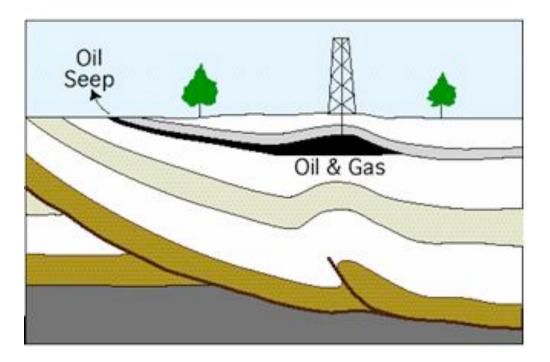
Over millions of years, the remains were buried deeper and deeper. The enormous heat and pressure turned them into oil and gas. Sand and Silt Rock

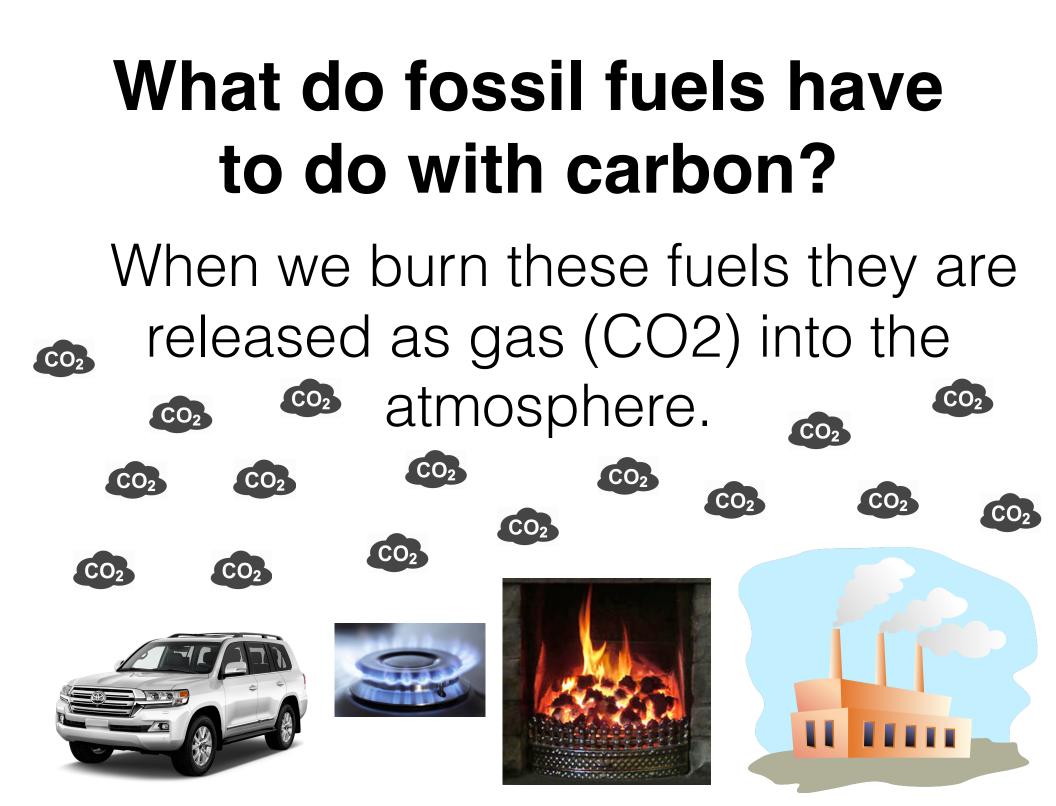
#### Oil and gas deposits

Today we drill down through layers of sand, silt and rock to reach the rock formations that contain oil and gas deposits.

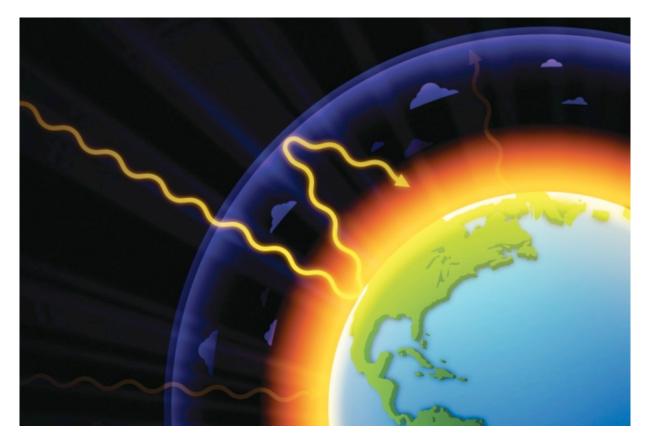
## What do fossil fuels have to do with carbon?

Fossil fuels are made of carbon which is stored as a liquid or solid below Earth's surface.

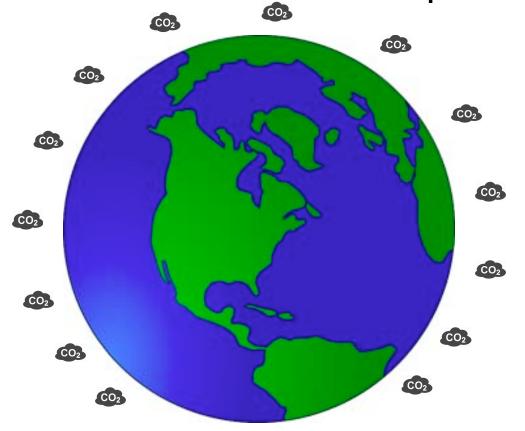




Increased amounts of CO2 in the atmosphere trap in more heat from the sun, making it work like a thicker blanket and increasing temperatures on Earth.



Burning fossil fuels doesn't change the amount of carbon on Earth. It only changes where it is stored - carbon that was below Earth's surface is now above in the atmosphere.



### Brainpop: Carbon Cycle

