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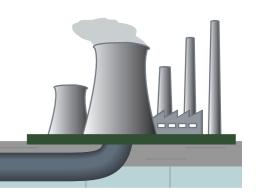
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**Earth & Environmental Sciences** 





# 1. Calculating Your Carbon Footprint

### Calculating Your Carbon Footprint Teacher Notes



Activity Description	Students learn about CO <sub>2</sub> emissions, what a carbon footprint is and calculate their individual carbon footprint. They consider how behavioural
	changes could reduce their carbon footprint.
Time	20mins / 40mins
Learning Outcomes	<ul> <li>To understand where carbon emissions come from</li> </ul>
	To define a carbon footprint
	<ul> <li>To ascertain ways in which lifestyle changes can affect your carbon footprint</li> </ul>
Student Organisation	Individual (calculation) and Groups (discussion)
Materials Needed	Calculating Your Carbon Footprint; Student Worksheet and My Energy
	Diary

#### 🜒 Talking Points

How much electricity do you think you use? How often do you travel by car? Do you travel by aeroplane? Do you eat lots of red meat or imported fruits?

#### **Homework Task**

Ask the students to take home the Student Worksheet and My Energy Diary and fill them in over a period of a week.

### What is a Carbon Footprint?

A measure of  $CO_2$  emissions attributed to an individual/family/business based on their lifestyle and behavioural choices.

### Classroom Activity

In a following lesson use the worksheet answers to complete the carbon footprint calculator online at:

http://mothersagainstclimatechange.com/kidscarboncalculator.php

Ask the children in turn to read out their total carbon footprint values and create a scatter graph to show the class results (either using Excel or by hand).

### Stalking Points

What kind of behaviour affects your carbon footprint? What could you be doing to reduce yours? What could the school be doing to reduce theirs?

### Tip!

Ask the students to leave the first question on the worksheet blank. To determine the distance from the school to each student's house they can measure the distance on Google Maps during the classroom activity. This activity, the graphing exercise plus further discussion will extend the 20 minute session to 40 minutes.

### **Calculating Your Carbon Footprint**

### **Student Worksheet**

What	is	а	carbon	foot	print?

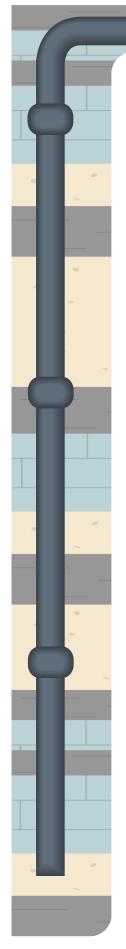
You are going to calculate your carbon footprint using an online calculator.

In order to complete the calculator next lesson you need to find out the following:

(use estimates if necessary)

1.	How far is your house from the school?	km
2.	How many hours a day do you spend watching TV?	hours
3.	How many hours a day do you spend on the computer?	hours
4.	How many light bulbs are there in your bedroom?	bulbs
5.	What is the wattage of the bulbs in your house?	watts
6.	How many hours do you leave your lights on in summer?	hours
7.	How many hours do you leave your lights on in winter?	hours

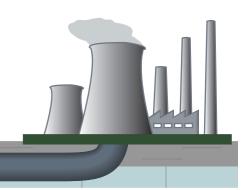
### Calculating Your Carbon Footprint My Energy Diary



Make a note of the following activities for a week to give you an idea of how much energy you are using. Base this on your individual usage.

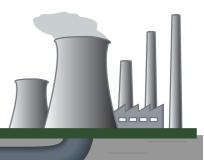
Day/Energy	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
TV (hours)							
Computer (hours)							
Mobile Phone (# of charges)							
Microwave (# of uses)							
Lights (hours)							
Car Journeys (hours and minutes)							
Showers (minutes)							
Hairdryer / Straighteners (minutes)							
Games Console e.g. Playstation / Xbox (hours)							
Other (hours)							





# 2. Energy, Fuel and Climate Change

### Energy, Fuel and Climate Change Teacher Notes



Activity Description	The students will learn about energy, where it comes from and consider the consequences of our current energy consumption. They will understand the implications of using fossil fuels for the environment and they will be introduced to CCS in this context.
Time	1 hour
Learning Outcomes	To understand what energy is
	To know where electrical energy comes from
	• To understand the implications of fossil fuels for the environment
	• To consider carbon CCS as a CO <sub>2</sub> remediation solution
Student Organisation	Individual
Materials Needed	Energy, Fuel and Climate Change Student Worksheet
	Make Your Own Power Station Experiment resources (see below)

### Salking Point

What do you think energy is? Is the energy you use to swim, run, and dance the same as the energy used by the TV and the microwave?

### Energy Facts:

Energy has lots of different forms.

Energy cannot be created or destroyed, it can only be transferred from one type to another. For example, energy eaten as food is transferred to kinetic energy and energy stored in coal is transferred to heat energy.

### Fuel Facts

The energy we use to generate electricity can be created in many ways; most commonly in the UK we burn fossil fuels. Fossil fuels include coal, oil or gas. They form when organic matter such as plants, trees, and animals die and are rapidly buried under many layers of rocks.

Fossil fuels take millions of years to form. When we take them out of the ground and burn them we rapidly release energy they have been storing for that time. Fossil fuels are an **unsustainable** energy source – we use them faster than they can replenish themselves. **Sustainabl**e energy sources cannot be exhausted and readily replenish themselves.

#### 🜒 Talking Point

Can you think of any problems we might have if we only use sustainable sources of energy?

### **Energy, Fuel and Climate Change**

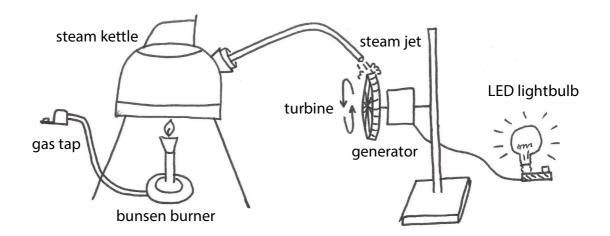
### **Teacher Notes**

Hint: Energy companies choose to burn fossil fuels at times when electricity is in high demand. What happens on a wind farm when it is windy, but our demand for energy is not as high?

#### Classroom Activity Make Your Own Power Station Experiment

#### You will need:

- Bunsen burner
- Steam kettle on a stand
- Cork stop for kettle
- Pipe to direct steam
- Turbine
- Generator
- LED lightbulb and connector cable

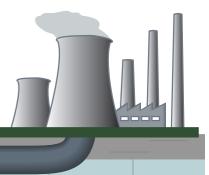


This experiment illustrates how power is generated in power stations. It also requires the students to think about scale. LEDs require a very small amount of energy to run. Ask the students to imagine the scale at which a power station supplying 500,000 homes must operate.

### 🜒 Talking point:

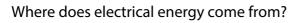
A byproduct of burning fuels is waste  $CO_2$  gas.  $CO_2$  contributes to the greenhouse effect and prevents the suns rays escaping from our atmosphere, consequently warming the planet. If we want to continue to use fossil fuels we must find a way of dealing with  $CO_2$ .

### Energy, Fuel and Climate Change Student Worksheet

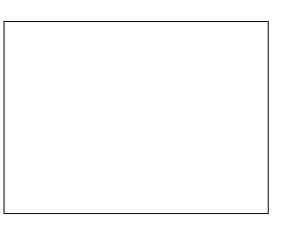




# Energy, Fuel and Climate Change Student Worksheet



Draw and name three sustainable energy sources.



What problems might we have if we only used sustainable forms of energy?

### Energy, Fuel and Climate Change Student Worksheet

Draw a sketch of your power station in the box below and label each component.

With a coloured pencil, label each energy change in the experiment. e.g. potential energy (*fuel*) -> light + heat energy (*flame*)

In the boxes below, brainstorm the advantages and disadvantages of renewable and non-renewable energy types.

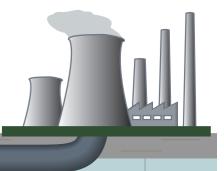
Advantages of Renewable Energy	Advantages of Fossil Fuels
Disadvantages of Renewable Energy	Disadvantages of Fossil Fuels



# 3. The Carbon Cycle

# The Carbon Cycle

### **Teacher Notes**



Activity Description	The students will learn about carbon, the carbon cycle, CO2 emissio their environmental significance and the role of CCS in this system.
Time	1–2 hour(s)
Learning Outcomes	<ul> <li>To understand the basic chemistry of carbon</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>To understand the carbon cycle and its components</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>To understand the carbon cycle and its components</li> <li>To understand the imbalance within the carbon cycle due to CC emissions</li> </ul>
Student Organisation	Individual / Groups / Class
Materials Needed	Carbon Cycle Student Worksheet, Enhanced Oil Recovery Experime resources (see below), Carbon Cycle Printable Resources

### Key Facts

Carbon is a chemical element with the symbol **C**. Carbon can come in the form of **graphite**, the material in your pencils; **diamonds**, very old and compressed carbon from the ground; or **coal/soot**, the precursor/product of organic combustion. Carbon is the fourth most abundant element in the universe. It is present in all living things and, second to oxygen, you are made of mostly carbon!

The amount of carbon on earth remains relatively constant, cycling from one reservoir to another from atmosphere to biosphere or ocean and back again. This is called the carbon cycle.

### Carbon Cycle Puzzle

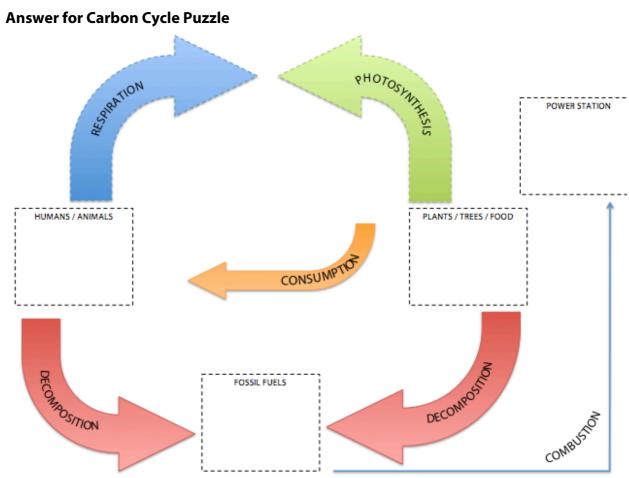
### You will need:

- 2x A4 sheets of blank paper
- pencils and pens
- scissors
- Carbon Cycle Puzzle printouts

### Instructions:

- 1. Draw the carbon exchangers (dashed boxes).
- 2. Cut out the carbon processes (arrows).
- 3. Arrange all the pieces in a circle to illustrate the order of the carbon cycle.





### **Carbon Processes**

Photosynthesis – plants and trees take in CO<sub>2</sub> and turn it into carbohydrates to live off Respiration – humans and animals give out CO<sub>2</sub> when they exhale Consumption – most foods consumed by humans and animals contain carbon Combustion – when fossil fuels (hydrocarbons) are burned CO<sub>2</sub> gas is given off

### Modern Problems with the Carbon Cycle

As we take more and more fossil fuels out of the ground and burn them to generate electricity, our contribution of carbon to the atmospheric reserve, in the form of  $CO_2$ , increases.

CO<sub>2</sub> is a greenhouse gas. Greenhouse gases help regulate the temperature on earth by providing insulation to the atmosphere – just like thermal underwear does to your body.

## The Carbon Cycle

### **Teacher Notes**

### Answers to the Carbon Reserves Task (Student Worksheet)

Carbon Stored (gigatonnes):
810
1,900
39,000
4000

Increased atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> causes the oceans to absorb more carbon. This disrupts the chemistry of seawater, inhibiting the growth of corals and other sensitive marine organisms.

When  $CO_2$  dissolves in raindrops it produces acid rain. Acid rain increases the weathering rates of certain rock types and causes damage to plants and buildings.

CO<sub>2</sub> is a greenhouse gas associated with climate change. It increases the frequency and severity of extreme weather events and makes global temperature rises.

Q: Can you name three consequences of increased atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>? A: Acid rain, ocean acidification, increased weathering rates, global warming.

### 📣 Talking Point

How can we reduce or prevent our CO<sub>2</sub> contribution to the atmosphere?

- Use more renewables
- Be more energy conscious
- CCS!

### What is CCS?

Scientists have developed a technology that allows the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from a power plant or industrial source to be captured, transported deep underground and stored in a safe and secure geological location.

This technology has been adapted from a process called enhanced oil recovery (EOR) where  $CO_2$  is pumped underground to increase the pressure in a reservoir to allow the last remaining bits of fuel to be extracted.

# The Carbon Cycle

### **Teacher Notes**

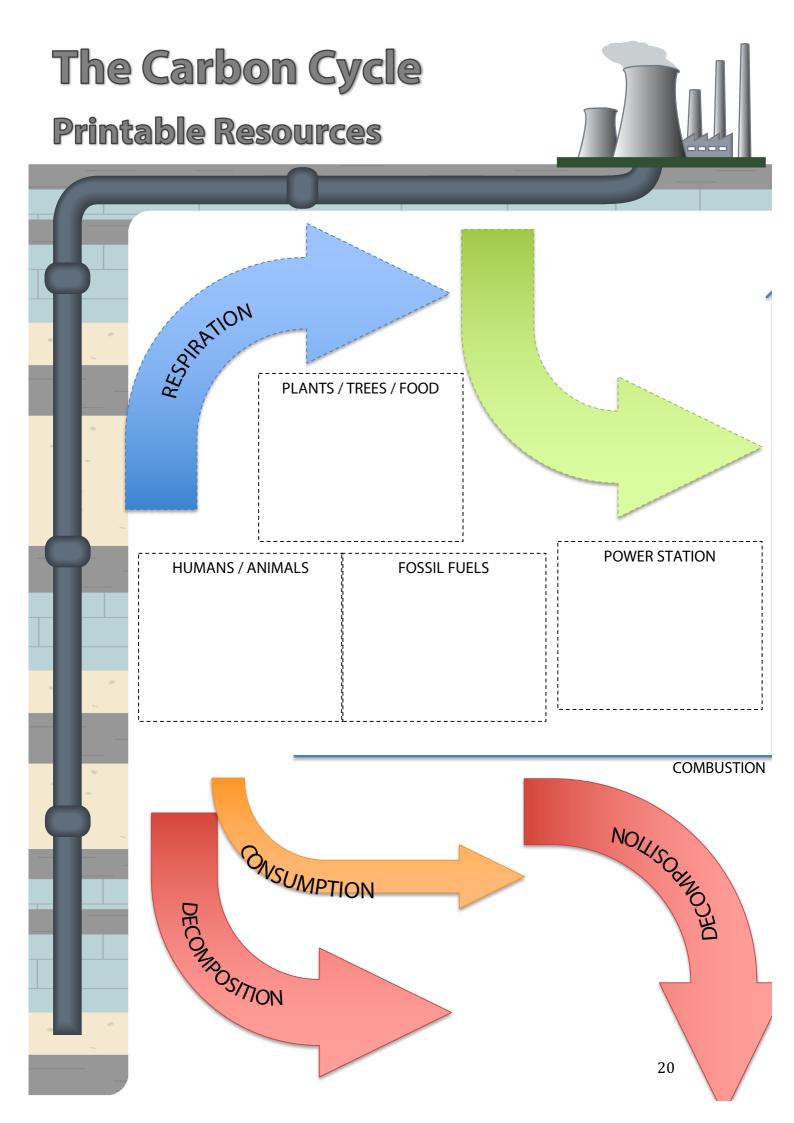
### Extension Experiment Juice Carton Enhanced Oil Recovery Experiment

### You will need:

1x juice carton per student with straw

#### Instructions

- 1. The student drinks all but 1cm of the juice in the carton.
- 2. They then blow gently into the straw to increase the pressure inside the carton.
- 3. The pressure difference between the inside of the carton and the outside encourages the last of the liquid to travel up the straw and into their mouth.
- 4. This is the exact principle used in EOR.



The Carbon Cycle		
Student Worksheet	/ /	
The chemical symbol for carbon is Name three forms of carbon	1 2 3	

The process of carbon circulating around the biosphere, atmosphere and oceans is

called the \_\_\_\_\_

#### Carbon Cycle Puzzle You will need:

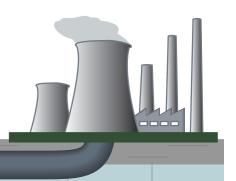
- 2x A4 sheets of blank paper
- pencils and pens
- scissors
- Carbon Cycle Puzzle printouts

### Instructions:

- 1. Cut each piece of paper into four equal sheets.
- 2. On each sheet draw one of the following carbon exchangers:
  - a. Atmosphere
  - b. Plants/Trees
  - c. Humans/Animals
  - d. Fossil Fuels
  - e. Power Station
- 3. Write the name of the exchanger below the picture.
- 4. Use the cards you have just made and the printouts of arrows and processes to arrange the components of the carbon cycle so that they make a complete circle.

# The Carbon Cycle

### **Student Worksheet**



When it is not part of the exchange cycle, carbon is stored in reserves. Match each of the four reserves with the amount of carbon stored in them on average at any one time.

Reserves	Carbon Stored (gigatonnes)
Atmosphere	39,000
Biosphere	810
Ocean	1,900
Minerals	4,000

The natural carbon cycle is balanced; each component exchanges with another so the reserves remain mostly constant. What man-made activity is disturbing the natural cycle?

When we take	out of the ground, and burn them to
create electricity and heat, we emit	gasgas
contributes to global warming by preventing t	herays from escaping
into	

WORD BANK: carbon dioxide, CO<sub>2</sub>, fossil fuels, space, sun's

# The Carbon Cycle

### **Student Worksheet**

Write down three consequences of more  $CO_2$  in the atmospheric reserves.



If we want to keep using fossil fuels we need to come up with a solution to reduce the amount of  $CO_2$  in our atmospheric reserve.

### **Carbon Capture and Storage**

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it is emitted and \_\_\_\_\_\_ it to suitable geological storage sites

where it is pumped \_\_\_\_\_\_to be stored.

WORD BANK: transports, underground, captures

### **Extension Experiment**

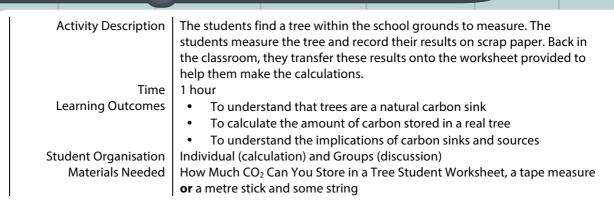
Juice Carton Enhanced Oil Recovery You will need: 1x carton of juice 1x A4 sheet to write up the experiment results

Listen carefully to your teacher for instruction before conducting this experiment.



### How Much CO<sub>2</sub> Can You Store in a Tree?

### **Teacher Notes**



#### Task

This task allows us to quantify the amount of carbon, and equivalent  $\mathsf{CO}_2$  gas, stored in a tree.

#### Talking Points

Trees are a natural carbon sink. Get the students to think about other  $\rm CO_2$  sources and sinks.

Sources:

Fossil fuels, leaks, biological sources

Sinks:

Oceans, atmosphere, plants, land, precipitation of carbonate minerals in rocks

#### **Outdoor Instructions**

- 1. Get the students to work in pairs. One student measures from the ground 1.3m (or chest height) up the trunk of the tree, the other marks their place. Then the second student measures the circumference of the tree at this height. The height ensures a fair representation of the tree circumference is recorded.
- 2. The students record each measurement, both times on scrap paper.

#### Talking Points

Get the students to think about what might affect the amount of carbon stored; do older trees store more carbon; does the type of tree make a difference; does the environment that the tree is in contribute to amount of carbon stored?

#### **Classroom Instructions**

Get the students to follow the instructions on the handout to complete the worksheet – there is a worked example at the end of this pack to help.

# How Much CO<sub>2</sub> Can You Store in a Tree? Teacher Notes

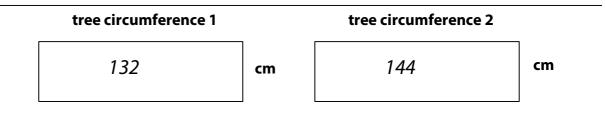
### 🜒 Discussion

Talk to the students about the link between trees and carbon: that carbon is locked up within trees but when trees are burnt for firewood, that carbon is released. Furthermore if the tree is buried and subject to heat and pressure over millions of years, the tree will become coal. Coal is a fossil fuel and burning fossil fuels releases  $CO_2$  to the atmosphere. An increase in  $CO_2$  in the atmosphere will lead to global warming.

#### Summary

Ask the students to think about how effective planting trees is, as a means to reduce carbon concentrations in the atmosphere. Consider: the rate at which trees grow, their environmental surroundings, the amount of carbon taken in from tree to tree and the lifetime of a tree. We may need a more immediate solution..

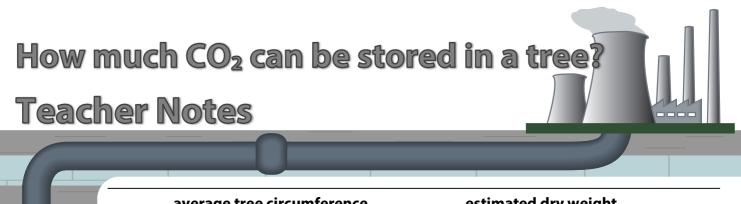
### 🕲 Worked Example



### A) Calculate the average of your two measured circumferences.

Why? This removes human bias from the measurements. Human bias is when the measurement is affected by the person who took it.

tree c	tree circumference 1			tree circumference 2		number of measurements		
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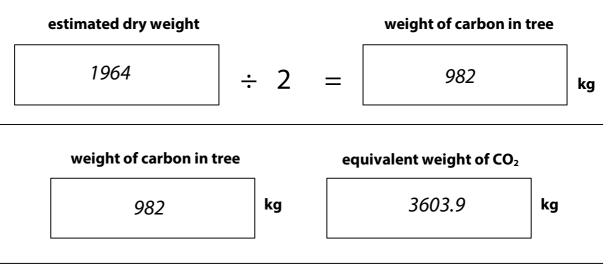
### average tree circumference estimated dry weight

138 cm 1964 kg

The estimated dry weight of the tree is a) the closest value to the average tree circumferences in the references figures or b) read off the graph, whichever you prefer your students to do.

### B) Calculate the weight of carbon stored in the tree.

How? Most living things are half carbon. Therefore we can estimate the carbon content by dividing the dry weight of the tree by 2. See reference figures for dry weight estimates.



### C) Calculate the equivalent weight of $CO_2$ gas stored as carbon in the tree.

How? We can calculate the equivalent weight of CO<sub>2</sub> stored as carbon in the tree by multiplying the estimated weight by the constant 3.67, as given by www.forestsforthefuture.co.uk.



### equivalent weight of CO<sub>2</sub>

x 3.67 =

3603.9

kg

## How much CO<sub>2</sub> can be stored in a tree?

### **Teacher Notes**

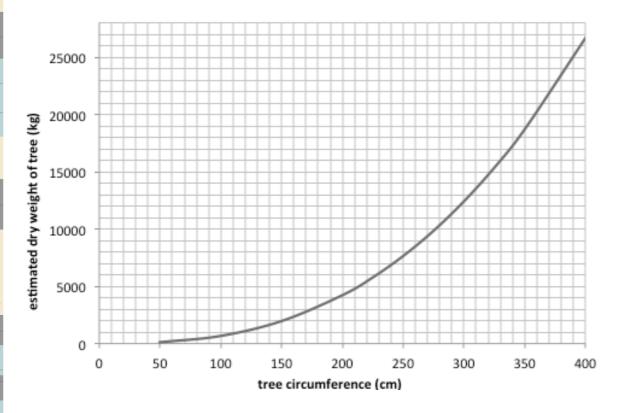
### **Reference Table: Dry Weight of a Tree**

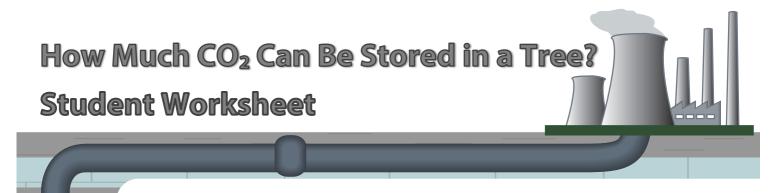
Tree dry weight (kg)	
106	
668	
1964	
4221	
5771	
7641	
9842	
12410	
15350	
18700	
26674	

#### These values, provided by **Forest Research**, are for an individual hardwood tree in Westonbirt Arboretum. They should be used as an **example**.

Trees will grow at different rates across the UK depending on, for example, the species, soil, drainage, slope aspect and climate conditions.

### **Reference Graph: Dry Weight of a Tree**





Plants, flowers and trees absorb  $CO_2$  from the atmosphere. They use this  $CO_2$  gas during photosynthesis to create carbohydrates, which help them grow. This process locks away  $CO_2$  in the plant structure and helps regulate the levels of  $CO_2$  in our atmosphere. The size of the tree directly relates to the amount of  $CO_2$  locked inside. Older trees store more  $CO_2$ .

This activity consists of a field experiment. You and a partner measure a nearby tree before using some simple calculations to estimate the amount of  $CO_2$  gas secured by the tree.

#### How Much CO<sub>2</sub> Can Be Stored in a Tree Experiment You will need:

- A soft tape measure or/ string and a metre rule
- This worksheet
- A research partner
- A nearby tree

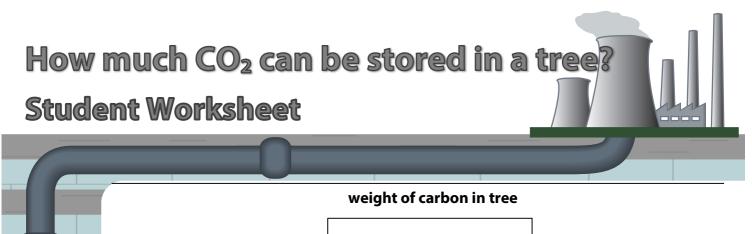
#### **Field Instructions:**

- 1. Take turns in pairs.
- 2. Measure 1.3m from the ground up the trunk of the tree and hold your finger on that point.
- 3. Ask your partner to measure around the trunk of the tree at the height you are holding your finger. Record your results on scrap paper and transfer these into your worksheet in class. (You should have two measurements, yours and your partner's).

#### **Classroom Instructions:**

- 1. Copy your tree measurements over from your scrap paper to the worksheet.
- 2. Calculate the average tree circumference.
- 3. Use this to estimate and record the dry weight of the tree using the table or the graph provided.
- 4. Calculate and record the weight of carbon stored by the tree.
- 5. Calculate the equivalent weight of CO<sub>2</sub> stored in the tree as carbon, over the tree's lifetime of growth.

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	cm cm
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kg

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#### weight of carbon in tree

equivalent weight of CO<sub>2</sub>

x 3.67 =

kg

#### equivalent weight of CO<sub>2</sub>

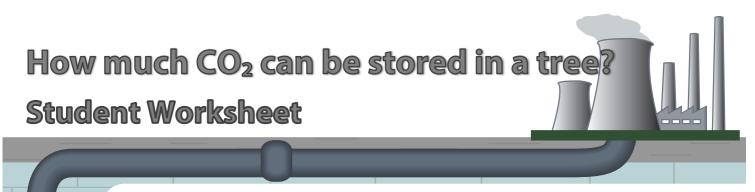
kg

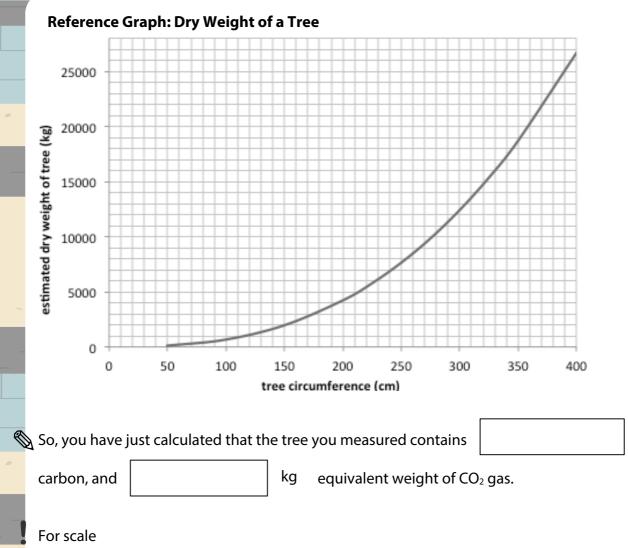
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The average UK coal-fired power station emits 1 kg of  $CO_2$  per kWh generated. 1 kWh of electricity will power:

ONE **dishwasher** for 1 hour ONE **TV** for 3 hours ONE **games console** for 5 hours ONE **laptop** for 22 hours

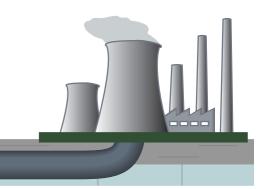
ONE **hoover** for 2 hours ONE **freezer** for 4 hours ONE pair of **straighteners** for 11 hours ONE **aquarium** for 33 hours

#### Note

A molecule of  $CO_2$  gas contains two (relatively heavy) oxygen atoms for every single carbon atom, so a single  $CO_2$  molecule weighs more than a single carbon atom.

kg





# 5. The CCS Cinema

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### **Teacher Notes**

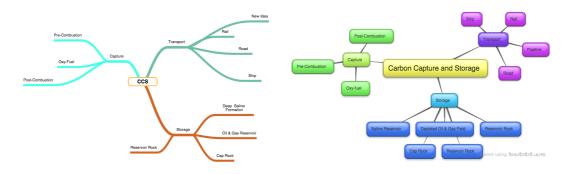


Activity Description	The students learn about the basic principles and terminology of the carbon cycle, $CO_2$ emissions, and carbon capture and storage technology through a series of videos. They learn to create mind maps to retain information from these videos.			
Time	1 hour			
Learning Outcomes	<ul> <li>To understand what CO<sub>2</sub> is, where it comes from and why it is a problem</li> <li>To create a Mind Map</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>To understand the basics of the carbon cycle</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>To understand basic carbon capture and storage terminology</li> </ul>			
Student Organisation	Individual or groups			
Materials Needed	A4 paper and coloured pencils <b>or</b> computer and internet access			
	CCS Cinema Student Worksheet			

### **Classroom Task**

The students use computers to access and watch the four videos listed below. They then generate mind maps to summarise the important information from each video. The students can watch each video as many times as is required.

Mind maps can be drawn by hand or using an online mind mapping tool such as <u>bubbl.us</u> **or**/ <u>drichard.org/mindmaps/#</u> illustrated in the examples below.



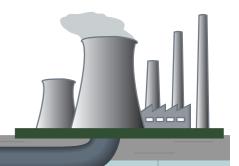
The students should complete the questions on the CCS Cinema Student Worksheet once they are happy their mind maps contain all the relevant information.

#### Video Links:

- More Energy, Less CO2. Shell.
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQ8yfVV9i0U
- <u>Climate 101, with Bill Nye.</u> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3v-w8Cyfoq8
- <u>Capturing Carbon to Store it Underground, Shell.</u> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3T9B83rZss
- <u>What to do with CO2?</u> http://www.wonderville.ca/asset/whattodowithCO2

# The CCS Cinema

### **Student Worksheet**



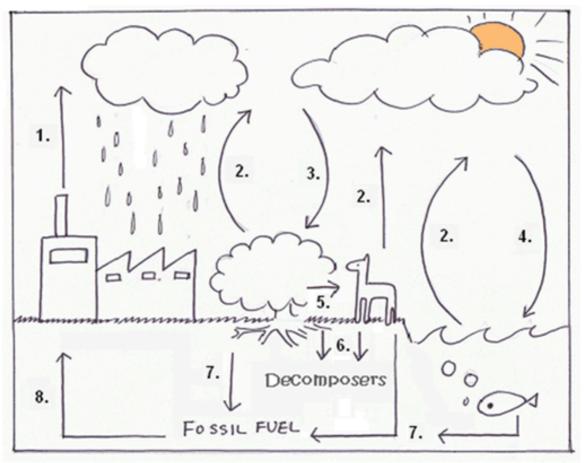
Mind maps are a good way of presenting information you need to remember. They use colours and connected lines to help your brain to link and recall tricky concepts.

Watch the following videos and make an A4 mind map for each one.

- More Energy, Less CO<sub>2</sub>. Shell.
- Climate 101, with Bill Nye.
- Capturing Carbon to Store it Underground, Shell.
- What to do with CO<sub>2</sub>?

Use your mind maps to help you answer the following questions:

1. Where can you find carbon?



Artwork by Julie Han



2. Can you match the numbers to the processes of the carbon cycle illustrated on the previous page?

	decomposition
	respiration
	extraction
	fossilisation
	oceanic exchange
	photosynthesis
,	consumption
}	combustion

- 3. What is the problem with  $CO_2$ ?
- 4. Can you draw a molecule of CO<sub>2</sub>?
- 5. Can you name three types of fossil fuel?
- 6. Can you describe carbon capture and storage in three sentences?