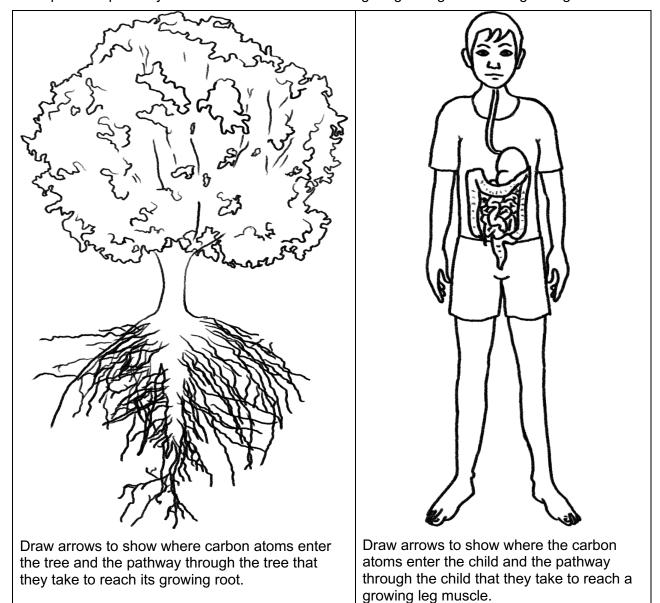
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6.3 Comparing a Growing Tree and a Growing Child Worksheet

Compare the pathways that carbon atoms take through a growing tree and a growing child.



Tell the story of what happens to the carbon atoms as they travel through the tree and the child by completing the table on the next page.



Telling the story of the carbon atoms

Use the table below to tell a step-by-step story of what happens to the carbon atoms in the tree and the child.

Stage in the story	Tree story	Child story
Words to use:	Include these words in your tree story (you can use a word more than once): • Photosynthesis • CO ₂ • Glucose • Small organic molecule • Large organic molecule • Biosynthesis • Cellular respiration	Include these words in your child story (you can use a word more than once): • Digestion • CO ₂ • Glucose • Small organic molecule • Large organic molecule • Biosynthesis • Cellular respiration
1. Entering the tree or child: Explain where and how carbon atoms enter the tree or child and what kind of molecules the atoms are in.	Condian respiration	Condian respiration
2. First chemical change: Describe the first chemical change that rearranges the atoms into more useful molecules.		
3. Traveling: Explain how the molecules with carbon atoms move	to a cell in the root of the tree.	to a cell in the leg of the child.
4. Cellular growth: Explain how the cell changes some molecules to grow and divide into more cells.		
5. Cellular energy: Explain how the cell changes some molecules to get energy for growth and cellular work.		