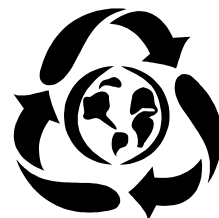
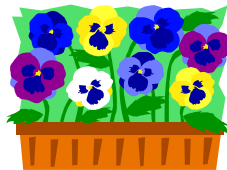


# The atmosphere

1. What is the present composition of the Earth's atmosphere?
2. What was the Earth's early atmosphere like?
3. Where did this early atmosphere come from?
4. Where did the water for the early oceans originate?
5. How did the oceans contribute to a reduction in the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere?
6. Where did the early plants on Earth live?
7. What important change did these plants make to the atmosphere?
8. Describe the carbon cycle, including ways in which carbon is removed from and returned to the atmosphere.



Answer questions 1, 2 and 4 on page 185