

CHAPTER 2
OVERHEAD**Table: Composition of Earth's
Atmosphere and Oceans****BLM 2.3.4****Table 2.1** Composition of Earth's Atmosphere and Oceans

	Substance	Percent current composition	Percent hypothetical composition, with no life
Atmosphere	carbon dioxide	0.03	98
	nitrogen	78	1
	oxygen	21	0
	argon	1	1
Oceans	water	96	85
	salt	3.5	13

Source: James Lovelock, *Gaia, A New Look at Life on Earth*, 2000.