

Table: Composition of Earth's Atmosphere and Oceans

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	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.