Lesson #60

Taiga

The **taiga** is a cold forest. Taiga is a Russian word that means *forest*. The taiga can be found in parts of North America, Europe, and Asia. You will usually find taigas south of the tundra and north of the deciduous forest. The taiga is the largest ecosystem in the world. There are not many animals in the taiga because of the harsh climate. Some animals that can be found in the taiga include the lemming, Arctic fox, Canada goose, and reindeer.

1. What is the largest ecosystem in the world? _____

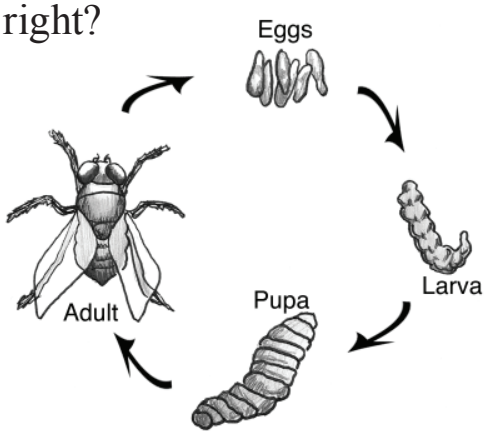
2. What does the word *taiga* mean? _____

3. What is the role of a producer in a food chain?

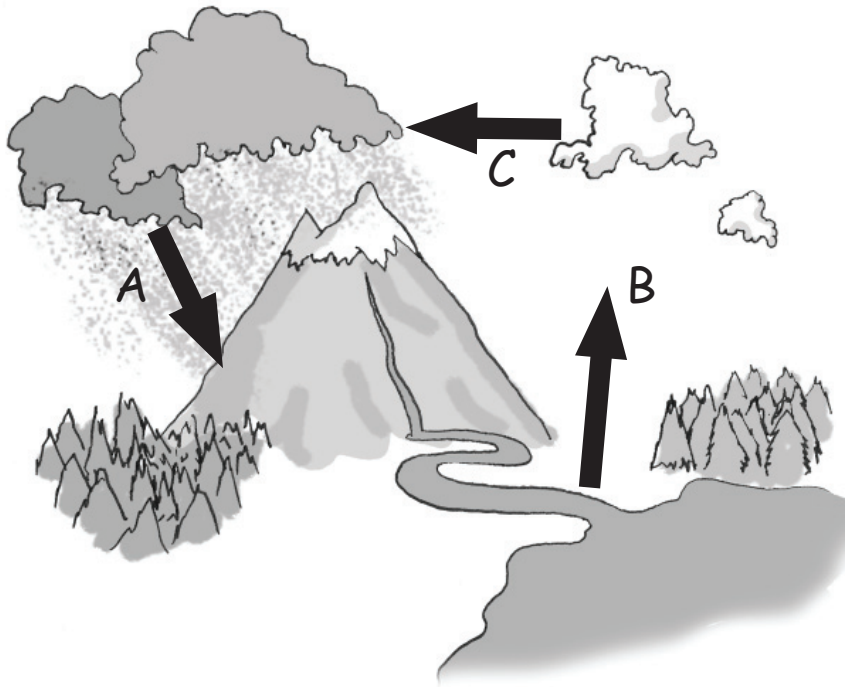
   A) eat plants
   B) prey on other animals
   C) make food

4. What is shown by the diagram to the right?

   A) a population
   B) a community
   C) a life cycle
   D) a food chain



Use the Water Cycle diagram to answer the questions below.



5. What process is occurring at **B**?

precipitation evaporation condensation

6. What process is occurring at **A**?

precipitation evaporation condensation

7. All of the populations living in the same place make up a _____.

ecosystem population community

8. Write T if the statement is true or F if it is false.

_____ Sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide are necessary for photosynthesis to occur.

9. The first link in any food chain is always the _____.

10. An (herbivore/omnivore) eats plants and other animals.