

Skills Worksheet

# Concept Review

## MATCHING

In the space provided, write the letter of the term or phrase that best matches the description.

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| _____ 1. two types of consumers   | a. photosynthesis              |
| _____ 2. a diagram showing the many feeding relationships that are in an ecosystem            | b. rabbit and coyote           |
| _____ 3. the process in which energy from the sun is used by plants to make sugar molecules   | c. fossil fuels                |
| _____ 4. illustrates the loss of energy from one trophic level to the next                    | d. producers                   |
| _____ 5. organisms that get their energy by eating other organisms                            | e. food web                    |
| _____ 6. stored carbon from the remains of plants and animals that died millions of years ago | f. consumers                   |
| _____ 7. organisms that make their own food   | g. atmospheric CO <sub>2</sub> |
| _____ 8. change that occurs on an abandoned farm  | h. energy pyramid              |
| _____ 9. a part of the carbon cycle   | i. algal bloom                 |
| _____ 10. results from excessive use of fertilizers   | j. atmospheric N <sub>2</sub>  |
| _____ 11. organisms that transform atmospheric nitrogen into usable nitrogen compounds        | k. food chain                  |
| _____ 12. part of the nitrogen cycle  | l. old-field succession        |
| _____ 13. transfer of energy from one organism to another                                     | m. nitrogen-fixing bacteria    |

**Concept Review** *continued***MULTIPLE CHOICE**

In the space provided, write the letter of the term or phrase that best completes each statement or best answers each question.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. What are the first organisms to colonize any newly available area called?
- climax species
  - ferns
  - pioneer species
  - mosses
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Which of the following is a producer that breaks down rock?
- pioneer producer
  - fungal species
  - algae
  - lichen
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Humans are affecting the balance of the carbon cycle by
- burning fossil fuels.
  - using carbonates at an alarming rate.
  - using fertilizers.
  - replanting the rain forests.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. What is a pattern of change that occurs on a surface where an ecosystem has previously existed?
- primary succession
  - secondary succession
  - tertiary succession
  - climax community
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. What do deep-ocean bacteria use to make their food?
- the sun
  - hydrogen sulfide
  - carbon dioxide
  - sugar molecules
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Which of the following is an herbivore?
- cow
  - lion
  - bear
  - grass
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Which of the following is a producer?
- oak tree
  - raccoon
  - cockroach
  - human
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Which of the following is a process in the cell whereby glucose and oxygen produce carbon dioxide, water, and energy?
- photosynthesis
  - cellular respiration
  - synthesis
  - decomposition
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Which of the following organisms would be found at the top of an energy pyramid?
- alga
  - krill
  - leopard seal
  - killer whale
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. Humans usually get the phosphorus that their bodies need from
- eating plants and animals that contain phosphorus.
  - mining.
  - food additives.
  - drinking water.

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**Section: Energy Flow in Ecosystems**

**MATCHING**

Write the letter of the term or phrase that best matches the description.

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| _____ 1. an organism that makes its own food                            | a. cellular respiration |
| _____ 2. the process of breaking down food to yield energy              | b. decomposer           |
| _____ 3. organisms that get their energy by eating other organisms      | c. producer             |
| _____ 4. the process in which plants make sugar molecules from sunlight | d. consumer             |
| _____ 5. consumers that get their food by breaking down dead organisms  | e. photosynthesis       |
| _____ 6. the many feeding relationships possible in an ecosystem        | f. food web             |

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| _____ 7. What term is used to describe a linear sequence in which energy is transferred from one organism to the next?<br>a. food web<br>b. food chain<br>c. trophic level<br>d. energy pyramid | _____ 9. What is the ultimate source of energy for almost all organisms except those living deep in the ocean near a thermal vent?<br>a. producers<br>b. consumers<br>c. the sun<br>d. bacteria |
| _____ 8. Which organism is likely to be in the bottom trophic level in a food chain?<br>a. leopard seal<br>b. alga<br>c. krill<br>d. killer whale   | _____ 10. What are organisms that eat both plants and animals called?<br>a. herbivores<br>b. carnivores<br>c. omnivores<br>d. autotrophs  |

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### Section: The Cycling of Materials

#### MATCHING

Write the letter of the term or phrase that best matches the description.

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| _____ 1. the process in which nitrogen is cycled between the atmosphere, bacteria, and other organisms  | a. carbon cycle                          |
| _____ 2. the movement of phosphorus from the environment to organisms and then back to the environment  | b. increased atmospheric CO <sub>2</sub> |
| _____ 3. the process by which carbon is cycled between the atmosphere, land, water, and organisms   | c. phosphorus cycle                      |
| _____ 4. organisms that can transform unusable nitrogen in the atmosphere into chemical compounds containing nitrogen that can be used by other organisms | d. algal bloom                           |
| _____ 5. breaks down decaying organisms   | e. atmospheric nitrogen                  |
| _____ 6. part of the nitrogen cycle   | f. decomposers                           |
| _____ 7. evidence of excessive use of fertilizer  | g. nitrogen-fixing bacteria              |
| _____ 8. the result of burning fossil fuels   | h. nitrogen cycle                        |

#### MULTIPLE CHOICE

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Which of the following is one of the largest carbon reservoirs on Earth?
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| a. limestone    | c. Amazon rain forest |
| b. fossil fuels | d. Atlantic Ocean     |
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Which of the following is not part of the nitrogen cycle?
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| a. nitrogen gas in space              |
| b. nitrogen in the atmosphere         |
| c. nitrogen compounds in animal waste |
| d. nitrogen compounds in the soil     |

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# Quiz

## Section: How Ecosystems Change

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| _____ 1. a common type of succession that occurs on a surface where an ecosystem has previously existed          | a. ecological succession |
| _____ 2. the first organisms to colonize any newly available area and begin the process of ecological succession | b. primary succession    |
| _____ 3. a final and stable community  | c. secondary succession  |
| _____ 4. a type of succession that occurs on a surface where no ecosystem existed before                         | d. pioneer species       |
| _____ 5. a type of succession that occurs on abandoned farmland  | e. climax community      |
| _____ 6. a gradual process of change and replacement of the types of species in a community                      | f. old-field succession  |

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| _____ 7. What type of vegetation would you expect to find on an abandoned farm that has remained undisturbed for 150 years?<br>a. short grasses<br>b. shrubs<br>c. young pine trees<br>d. tall, mature oak trees | _____ 9. What type of succession occurs after a natural process such as a volcanic eruption or flood?<br>a. primary succession<br>b. secondary succession<br>c. old-field succession<br>d. climax community |
| _____ 8. What type of vegetation would you expect to find on newly formed volcanic islands?<br>a. lichens<br>b. short grasses<br>c. shrubs<br>d. young trees   | _____ 10. The eruption of Mount St. Helens was followed by<br>a. primary succession.<br>b. secondary succession.<br>c. old-field succession.<br>d. forest succession.                                       |