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### Lesson 1: How are ecosystems balanced?

#### Before You Read Lesson 1


Read each statement below. Place a check mark in the circle to indicate whether you agree or disagree with the statement.

- |   | Agree                            | Disagree                         |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. A desert is a good environment for a cow.                                | <input type="radio"/>            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| 2. Proper balance between populations is necessary for a healthy ecosystem. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            |
| 3. Changes cause an unbalanced ecosystem.                                   | <input type="radio"/>            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

#### After You Read Lesson 1

Reread each statement above. If the lesson supports your choice, place a check mark in the Correct circle. Then explain how the text supports your choice. If the lesson does not support your choice, place a check mark in the Incorrect circle. Then explain why your choice is wrong.

- |          | Correct               | Incorrect             |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. _____ | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. _____ | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. _____ | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

 Notes for Home: Your child has completed a pre/post inventory of key concepts in the lesson.  
Home Activity: Discuss with your child the amount of resources required to sustain a large city compared to the amount needed to sustain a small town.

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### Reviewing Concepts: True or False

Write T (True) or F (False) on the line before each statement.

- T   1. Plants and animals need food, water, space, shelter, light, and air to grow.
- T   2. Living things can only survive in environments where their needs are met.
- T   3. All of the parts of an ecosystem are interrelated.
- F   4. Animals provide the oxygen that plants need to live.
- F   5. Every kind of living thing needs the same kind of soil and weather.
- F   6. When an ecosystem is balanced, none of its parts are changing.
- T   7. Water that evaporates from an ecosystem is replaced when it rains or snows.
- T   8. All organisms help keep the balance of an ecosystem.

### Applying Strategies: Cause and Effect

Use complete sentences to answer question 9. (2 points)

9. A cause is shown here. Use complete sentences to describe two possible effects.

Cause: The number of a certain kind of animal in an ecosystem increases.

Effect: There will not be enough food for the animals.

Effect: There will not be enough space for the animals.

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