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Part 1: Building a Foundation

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List two examples of tertiary consumers.

Hint: Think about animals that are at the top of the food chain.

1. Example 1

2. Example 2

Part 2: Understanding and Interpretation

What is the primary function of a food chain in an ecosystem?

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Part 3: Application and Analysis

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Which of the following scenarios best illustrates the concept of a food web?

Hint: Consider the complexity of feeding relationships.

- A) A lion eating a zebra
- B) A plant being eaten by a caterpillar, which is eaten by a bird, which is eaten by a hawk
- C) A series of interconnected food chains within an ecosystem
- D) A single organism being consumed by multiple predators

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Part 4: Evaluation and Creation

Propose a solution to restore balance in a disrupted food chain. Which actions could be effective? (Select all that apply)

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