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Part 1: Building a Foundation

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Hint: Think about the process of photosynthesis.

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Explain the difference between a food chain and a food web.

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List the four main components of a food chain.

Hint: Think about the different roles in an ecosystem.

1. What is the first component?

2. What is the second component?

3. What is the third component?

4. What is the fourth component?

Part 2: Understanding and Interpretation

Which statements about energy pyramids are true? (Select all that apply)

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Part 3: Application and Analysis

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Hint: Think about the immediate impact on prey species.

- Producers
- Primary consumers
- Secondary consumers
- Decomposer

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Hint: Think about the relationships between different trophic levels.

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Hint: Think about the implications for primary consumers and producers.

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Part 4: Evaluation and Creation

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Which actions could help mitigate the effects of climate change on food webs? (Select all that apply)

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- Increasing the use of pesticides
- Promoting sustainable agriculture

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Hint: Consider both local and global strategies.

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Hint: Consider the needs of the species and the ecosystem as a whole.