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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the primary role of producers in a food chain?

Hint: Think about how producers obtain their energy.

- ◯ Decompose organic matter
- ◯ Consume other organisms
- ◯ Produce their own food through photosynthesis
- ◯ Compete for resources

Which of the following are considered consumers in a food web? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the different types of organisms that eat other organisms.

- ☐ Herbicovores
- ☐ Carnivores
- ☐ Decomposer
- ☐ Omnivores

Define a food web and explain how it differs from a food chain.

Hint: Think about the complexity and connections between organisms.

List the three types of consumers found in a food chain and provide a brief description of each.

Hint: Think about the different roles consumers play.

1. Herivores

2. Carnivores

3. Omnivores

Which organism is typically at the base of a food chain?

Hint: Consider the first level of energy production.

- ◯ Primary consumer
- ◯ Secondary consumer
- ◯ Producer
- ◯ Decomposer

Part 2: Comprehension and Application

How does energy flow in a food chain?

Hint: Think about the direction of energy transfer.

- ◯ From decomposers to producers
- ◯ From producers to various levels of consumers
- ◯ From tertiary consumers to primary consumers
- ◯ In a circular pattern among all organisms

Why is biodiversity important in a food web? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the benefits of having a variety of species.

- ☐ It increases the stability of the ecosystem.
- ☐ It allows for more efficient energy transfer.
- ☐ It reduces competition among species.
- ☐ It enhances the ecosystem's resilience to disturbances.

Explain the role of decomposers in nutrient cycling within an ecosystem.

Hint: Think about how decomposers contribute to soil health.

If a primary consumer population decreases significantly, what is the most likely immediate effect on the producers in the food web?

Hint: Consider the relationship between consumers and producers.

- ◯ Increase in producer population
- ◯ Decrease in producer population
- ◯ No change in producer population
- ◯ Producers will become secondary consumers

Describe how human activities such as deforestation might impact food chains and food webs in a forest ecosystem.

Hint: Think about the consequences of habitat loss.

Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Which of the following best describes the relationship between predators and prey in a food web?

Hint: Consider the nature of their interactions.

- ◯ Mutualism

- ◯ Competition
- ◯ Predation
- ◯ Commensalism

Analyze the following scenario: A disease drastically reduces the population of a key herbivore in a grasslands ecosystem. What are the possible consequences for the food web? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about the interconnectedness of species.

- ☐ Increase in producer biomass
- ☐ Decrease in predator populations
- ☐ Increase in decomposer activity
- ☐ Introduction of new species

Examine how the removal of a top predator can affect the structure and dynamics of a food web.

Hint: Consider the implications for other species in the ecosystem.

Which action would most likely enhance the resilience of a food web to environmental changes?

Hint: Think about the importance of species diversity.

- ◯ Reducin the number of species
- ◯ Increasing the number of top predators
- ◯ Enhancing biodiversity
- ◯ Introducing non-native species

Design a simple food web for a terrestrial ecosystem, including at least three trophic levels. Explain the interactions between the organisms at each level.

Hint: Think about how energy flows through the ecosystem.

Propose two strategies that could be implemented to protect and preserve food webs in threatened ecosystems. Provide a brief rationale for each strategy.

Hint: Consider conservation efforts and sustainable practices.

1. Habitat restoration

2. Sustainable fishing practices