

Understanding Ecosystem Roles

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Producers, Consumers, and Decomposers

Name: _____

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned about ecosystem roles.

1. Plants are called ____ because they make their own food.

2. What do consumers do?

- A. Make their own food
- B. Eat other organisms
- C. Break down dead things

3. Why are decomposers important to the ecosystem?

4. Producers use sunlight to make their own food.

- True False

5. Decomposers help to recycle nutrients back into the ____.

6. Which of these is an example of a producer?

- A. A rabbit
- B. A tree
- C. A mushroom

7. Can you name one consumer? (Give one example)

8. Grass is a type of consumer in the ecosystem.

- True False

9. What role do decomposers play in nature?

- A. They make food
- B. They eat plants
- C. They break down dead organisms

10. What was the most interesting organism you sorted during the activity?

Answer Key

1. producers 2. Eat other organisms 3. They break down dead things and return nutrients to the soil. 4. True 5. soil 6. A tree 7. A lion. 8. False 9. They break down dead organisms 10. The earthworm.