The Big Geography Quiz Summer 2022

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ECOSYSTEMS

Round 1

True or False: the ecosystem with the most biodiversity on Earth is found in the tropics.

Plants usually compete for:

- a) Light
- b) Light & soil nutrients
- c) Light, soil nutrients & CO2

Name one example of a producer in a food chain.

What does 'biodiversity' mean?

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What's the difference between an omnivore and a herbivore?

True or False: the taiga boreal forest is the world's largest land biome.

What is a 'biotic' component of an ecosystem, and give an example?

A species of plant or animal that is facing imminent extinction is:

- a) Special Concern
- b) Threatened
- c) Endangered

How can plastic waste be a concern

to marine ecosystems?

Why can the loss of plant life be considered a cause of increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere?

Answers: - Round 1

- 1. True. The tropical rainforest and tropical aquatic ecosystems have the most.
- 2. B) Light and soil nutrients
- 3. A producer uses photosynthesis to capture energy & create food e.g. grass, trees, lichen, algae, bacteria, phytoplankton, etc.
- 4. Biodiversity is the level of all the different kinds of life found in an area
- 5. Omnivores eat both plants and animal matter, herbivores only eat plants
- 6. True, the taiga is the world's largest land biome, covering 50million acres of land (about 17% of Earth's surface)
- 7. Biotics components in an ecosystem are the living parts, e.g. fish, humans, dogs, etc.
- 8. C) Endangered
- 9. Plastic waste can cause harm to marine animal life such as turtles getting caught in it, suffocation, eating plastics and then dying of starvation, spreading bacteria, creating microplastics that get ingested, etc.
- 10. Plants act as carbon storage during photosynthesis, but when plants die or are cleared this CO2 is released back to the atmosphere instead of being stored