

Habitats and Niches

Directions: Match each of the following living organisms to the habitat in which it lives. Use each habitat only once.

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| _____ 1. Penguin | _____ 11. Reindeer |
| _____ 2. Mockingbird | _____ 12. Pine trees |
| _____ 3. Cactus | _____ 13. Alligator |
| _____ 4. Parrot | _____ 14. Gazelles |
| _____ 5. Whale | _____ 15. Elephants |
| _____ 6. Bullfrog | _____ 16. Mushrooms |
| _____ 7. American Bison | _____ 17. Polar bear |
| _____ 8. Starfish | _____ 18. Moray Eel |
| _____ 9. Wildflower | |
| _____ 10. Heron (wading bird) | |

- A. African Veldt
 - B. Antarctica
 - C. Arctic
 - D. Coniferous Forest
 - E. Coral Reef
 - F. Desert
 - G. Estuary
 - H. Field
 - I. Oak Forest
 - J. Open Ocean
 - K. Pond
 - L. Prairie
 - M. Rain forest
 - N. Rotting Log
 - O. Savanna
 - P. Swamp
 - Q. Tide Pool
 - R. Tundra

Directions: Read the description of each niche below. Match each niche to one of the living organisms in the list to the right.

- _____ 19. Decomposes dead plants and animals.
- _____ 20. Produces sugars in aquatic ecosystems using the energy from the sun.
- _____ 21. Spins a web to catch insects for food.
- _____ 22. Serves as an herbivore in a food chain.
- _____ 23. A scavenger that cleans up the environment by ingesting dead animals.
- _____ 24. Helps to keep the snake and rodent population in check in a particular area.
- _____ 25. Helps to spread the seeds of an oak tree by eating and hiding acorns.
- _____ 26. Is a filter feeder.
- _____ 27. A producer in a food chain in a terrestrial ecosystem.
- _____ 28. Feeds on other living organisms.

- A. Algae
 - B. Eagle
 - C. Elk
 - D. Fungus
 - E. Oak Tree
 - F. Spider
 - G. Sponge
 - H. Squirrel
 - I. Tick
 - J. Vulture

29. What is the difference between a “habitat” and a “niche”?

a) habitat: _____

b) niche: _____

Indicate the habitat and the niche for each organism show below:

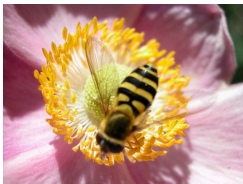
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Habitat: _____

Niche: _____

31.



Habitat: _____

Niche: _____

32.



Habitat: _____

Niche: _____

33.



Habitat: _____

Niche: _____

34.



Habitat: _____

Niche: _____

35.



Habitat: _____

Niche: _____

36.



Habitat: _____

Niche: _____