

Ecosystems and biomes

Read the key words. Then name the biomes, match the clues and sort.

An **ecosystem** is all the living things in a place and the nonliving things around them, like water, soil and sunlight. A **biome** is a large area with a similar climate, plants and animals.

1 Name each biome. Use the word bank.

BIOMES

tundra

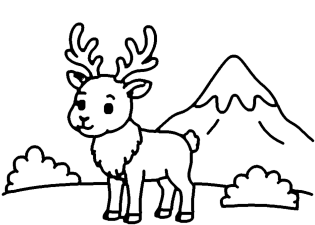
boreal forest

deciduous forest

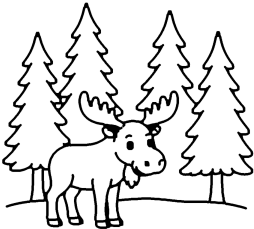
grassland

desert

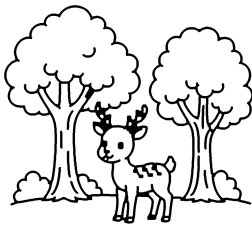
tropical rainforest



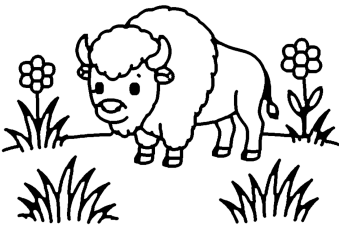
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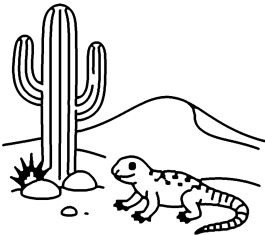
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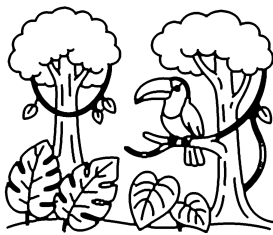
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D _____



E _____



F _____

2 Read each clue. Write the letter of the biome from Part 1.

1. Hot and wet all year. It has more kinds of plants and animals than any other biome.
2. Cold winters and forests of spruce, fir and pine. Canada's largest biome.
3. Very cold, with frozen ground called permafrost. Low plants, but no trees.
4. Less than 25 cm of rain in a year. Plants store water to survive.
5. Flat land covered in tall grasses, with few trees. Good land for growing wheat.
6. Warm summers and cold winters. Trees such as maples drop their leaves in the fall.

3 Sort the parts of a boreal forest ecosystem. Write each one in the table.

moose · sunlight · spruce tree · soil · lichen · rain · beaver · rock · mushroom · air

Living	Nonliving