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Maze

Student Materials

Grade 8 | Benchmark 2

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Practice 1

As a member of a family, you

have
give
lead

the right to put a poster on your bedroom wall.

Practice 2

You must

put
obey
practice

traffic laws.



	Passage 1	Passage 2	Passage 3
Correct			
Incorrect			

A Misunderstanding Between Friends

Derek gazed at the calendar on his computer, willing the date of his best friend's saxophone concert to change from Wednesday evening to Thursday evening. Unless that somehow magically occurred, Derek wouldn't be important
able
terrible to attend the concert, even though he'd promised
concentrated
realized James he would be watching directly from the unfortunate
upset
front row. Unfortunately, Derek had agreed to support
study
say for an important midterm exam with his promise
conflict
biology group on Wednesday evening. Derek sighed and hoped
called
needed James would understand that he would think
give
need to find another friend to lend his music
support
jaw. James would be upset, but he would distract
end
understand; best friends were like that. Still, Derek viewed
hesitated
attended before texting the unfortunate news to him. There was no sense
dream
morning in upsetting James while he was watching
explaining
rehearsing.

That Monday night, visions of cell mitosis
friend
news invaded Derek's dreams: cells continuously divided and gyrated
understood
picked to the rhythm of saxophone music in the phone
background
algae. Feeling exhausted and cranky when he upset
wondered
awoke, Derek decided that revealing the terrible support
news
class to James could wait until later

in the word evening cousin. Before Derek realized it, Monday slipped away from his evening grasp slide, and he still hadn't contacted James. He awoke contacted swore to himself that he would contact James and travel have hesitate this difficult discussion before doing anything else tomorrow.

James revealed beat delayed him to the punch and called the following bed voice morning before Derek had even gotten out of cell sense bed. Rolling over and grabbing his situation microscope phone, Derek mumbled a sleepy greeting, but James's exam call ticket had already been sent to voice mail person saxophone. Derek's jaw dropped as he listened to James explain know grab that he had to give his ticket night grasp to some relative who was traveling a zillion pieces calendars miles to attend the concert. James ended the choice row call with an earnest promise to get back in touch guilt call with Derek later in the day.

At first, Derek couldn't drop believe swim that his best friend, the only stomach message person in the entire galaxy who he'd ever listened trusted magnified, would un-invite him to the concert. This was an earnest important embarrassed event and James had stressed how much he texted swore wanted Derek to attend. The rest of the punch mail day, Derek was

distracted thinking about how he should wait
hope
handle this situation. In biology class, he couldn't

concentrate
beat
sigh on the slides under the microscope. Invited
Magnified
Disappointed pieces of algae swam beneath his

amazing
entire
glassy, dazed eyes. At the end of the greeting
day
eye, he wondered why he had not sent
heard
worked from James.

That evening, listening to James's message
biology
galaxy again, a twinge of guilt twisted his

background
stomach
day. James voice sounded strained, the way it confessed
dazed
did when he was extremely angry or

enthusiastic
disappointed
able. Best friends can communicate with one another with more than just concerts
rhythms
words. James

was saying that he had no computer
vision
choice, that he would rather have Derek occur
attend
roll the saxophone concert

instead of a mitosis
cousin
event he barely knew, and that he was embarrassed
bad
exhausted about having to deliver this

message.

Now Derek mumbled
felt
agreed embarrassed because he had delayed delivering angry
sleepy
bad news to his

friend and all the while James had been lending
feeling
dividing guilty for having to disappoint him. Derek willed
sounded
picked

up the phone to call James and confess
decide
feel his conflict and make things right with him. In the date
end
group, the

situation worked out satisfactorily for everyone. James's

mile
study
concert

 was video-taped and both James and

Derek were

able
strained
guilty

 to view the concert together. It is

cranky
difficult
amazing

 how situations work out between

best

friends
discussions
things

 who are enthusiastic about supporting each other.



Correct _____

Incorrect _____

A Food Chain in the Desert

Food chains exist in every type of environment, including tundra, forest, ocean, and desert. A

food chain illustrates how organisms in a specific subterranean favorite region interact with one another for survival flesh root.

It also illustrates how energy is transferred forged survived along the “chain” of plants and animals colonies homes as they live and

die, are eaten transferred enriched by others, or decompose. Producers, consumers, inches scavengers regions, and decomposers

are types of organisms in matter food water chains. A food chain in the Chihuahuan Desert uses provides consumes a good

illustration of part of a scant complex good and interwoven network of organisms.

The Chihuahuan Desert extends decomposes devours from Mexico through West Texas and into portions organisms plants of

New Mexico and Arizona. With an animal illustration area of approximately 200,000 square miles, the Chihuahuan

is the dependent largest particular desert in North America. Like all deserts, the Chihuahuan Desert comes receives lives scant

rainfall of only about 8 to 9 parts squares inches annually. The organisms living in this next approximate arid desert

have adapted to shortages of water cougar feet in order to survive. This environment is home scavenger area to thousands

of big and small chains plants meals and animals like grasses, trees, deer, cougars nutrients oceans, buzzards, and subterranean

termites. Together, this

solid

diverse

deep

 group of organisms composes one food

waste

meat

chain

 in the Chihuahuan

Desert.

Plants are the first

energy

tundra

link

 on the food chain. Because plants

swoop

manufacture

catch

 their own food,

using energy from the

termite

mule

sun

 in a process called photosynthesis, they are

deposited

populated

called

 producers. Blue

grama grass, one of the producers in this

deer

food

mile

 chain, grows in bunches in the Chihuahuan Desert.

Since its

examples

herbivores

roots

 are shallow, the grass can quickly

interweave

manufacture

absorb

 rainfall and prevent arid desert

soil from

linking

calling

blowing

 away. The honey mesquite tree, another producer on the

environment

adult

chain

, has adapted

to the dry climate in a

arid

diverse

different

 manner: the tree sends roots as

deep

big

specific

 as 200 feet below the surface

to

tap

compose

exist

 into ground water.

Consumers are the second

link

bunch

surface

 in the Chihuahuan Desert's food chain. This

part

carriion

type

 of the

food chain begins with

trees

herbivores

photosynthesis

 that only eat plants. An example of a

primary

crucial

complex

 consumer is the

mule deer that

absorbs

eats

receives

 the blue grama grass and honey mesquite trees. A

secondary

completed

dry

 consumer in the

food chain is a **carnivore**, or meat-eater. A cougar, also called a **mountain** lion, will eat whatever **soil** **rainfall**

prey it **pounds** **catches**, but one of a cougar's favorite **producers** **shortages** **meals** is a mule deer. When the **buzzard** **cougar** **food**

consumes a deer, another link is **forged** **provided** **grown**, or linked, in the food chain.

Since an **unable** **annual** **adult** mule deer can weigh anywhere from 100 to 300 **manners** **pounds** **lions**, a cougar may be

unable to **leave** **consume** **prevent** all its prey. The next link of the **prey** **portion** **food** chain is a scavenger, which is an

ground **desert** **animal** that survives by eating carrion, the **networks** **remains** **birds** of a dead animal. One of the most **dead** **another** **efficient**

carrion scavengers in the Chihuahuan Desert is the **sun** **buzzard** **grass**. This large bird will swoop in and

interact **devour** **include** any part of the mule deer's **dung** **forest** **flesh** that the cougar has left behind.

Finally, **different** **subterranean** **efficient** termites complete this particular food chain. Subterranean

illustrates **means** **blows** "underground," and these insects live underground in **consumers** **decomposers** **colonies** populated by

thousands of termites. Subterranean **remains** **termites** **parts** come to the surface to decompose, or **send** **extend** **break** down,

dead and decaying plant matter. **Termites** **Survivals** **Roots** also decompose dung, or solid waste, **deposited** **weighed** **broken** by

animals such as mule deer and organisms
oceans
cougars . Nutrients from the plants and the dung
herbivore
illustration are returned

to the soil to tap
enrich
begin it.

Energy transfers through this desert food nutrient
decay
chain from sun, to plant, to herbivore, to termite
carnivore
desert ,

to scavenger, to decomposer. As in any food chain, each link
flesh
consumer is crucial and dependent on each

other for colony
survival
scavenger .



Correct _____

Incorrect _____

European Exploration of Canada

The first European explorers appeared in Canada as early as the 10th century. The Norse from

Scandinavia arrived in the late 900s on the long eastern interior shores of what is now Newfoundland, a Canadian

province progress trip, or region governed by a country. Their words coasts settlements did not last long. Not until the 16th

century shore crew did explorers from Italy, England, and France arrive rule take and begin a more in-depth

part credit exploration of Canada.

The first European to locate make meet a trip to Canada after the Norse was John Cabot, an Italian end merchant route

whose voyages were funded by the King of England. Like many in the 1490s, Cabot continued put struggled

together an expedition because he wanted to point go find a trade route to sail from Europe to Asia.

Contributing Controlling Sailing from England in 1497, Cabot and his doors men portraits likely landed on the north coast of

Newfoundland. They turned explored played the area thinking they had arrived in Asia, but they were drew found really the

first Europeans since the Norse to do arrive speak in this part of North America. In 1498, Cabot again lived located set

sail from England, this time with five rivers ships provinces, but the trip did not go well. Only one coast ship presence

returned, and Cabot was never seen again. He had not gone found looked a route to Asia, but he had opened claimed returned the

door into a land of rich wide original resources and claimed a presence in Canada for England.

Although others from England, France, and Spain took extended continued to expand Cabot's findings, it was

Jacques Cartier of France who finally made traveled funded real progress into the interior of Canada. Arriving Governing Naming in

Canada in the 1530s, Cartier located gave blocked and navigated, or traveled on, the St. Lawrence River, one of the

newest largest richest river systems in the world. Cartier controlled was explored also looking for a northwest passage to Asia

when he began found published following the river into Canada. He ended saw traveled west as far as Montreal but did pushed wanted

not continue because the river's rapids continued turned blocked further passage. When native residents said that it

would open take begin 3 months of travel to reach the history's time's river's end, the Europeans began to grasp the

merchant scope voyage of the land they were exploring.

Cartier arrives is speaks also given credit for naming this real short vast region. The Iroquois People used the

passage word opening “kanata,” meaning land or village, when they spoke funded were to Cartier. Cartier used the word

“Canada” to refer
join
sail to all land north of the St. Lawrence River. In 1867, when the four men
interiors
provinces of

Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia reached
put
were joined together politically into one

country, that native
new
famous country was named Canada.

Cartier's work on presence
behalf
coast of France was extended in the early 1600s by another French

explorer
century
role, Samuel de Champlain. Champlain pushed even further into the point
month
interior of Canada,

exploring the Great Lakes and arriving
founding
using the city of Quebec in 1608. Champlain's colony
century
explorer struggled,

and at one point was controlled
referred
arrived by England, but by 1632, Quebec looked
pushed
was again under French rule.

There was also European exploration
ship
shore of Canada's western regions. In 1778, British explorer
province
meaning

James Cook became the first European to find
land
grasp on the west coast of Vancouver Island at Nootka

Sound. Most large
difficult
famous for exploring the Pacific islands, Cook had helped
turned
navigated his attention westward

after helping survey the St. Lawrence River and the rules
coasts
credits of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia in the

1750s. One of his voyage
attention
crew drew portraits of the native people they navigated
met
appeared at Nootka Sound. These

images, published in 1784,

were
said
followed

 the first portraits ever made of Canada's

famous
damp
original

 residents.

Though Native Peoples had lived in Canada for

systems
villages
centuries

 before Europeans arrived, European

exploration did

say
contribute
have

 to Canada's diverse history. Explorers from many

names
rapids
parts

 of Europe

played a role in

thinking
opening
surveying

 Canada to the world.



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