

Quiz: Reading Comprehension

Tree Logs

Date: ____/____/____

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Read the questions and answer choices
and choose the correct answer!



1. Which key detail supports the main idea that moss helps living things grow on a log?

- A. Moss does not have flowers or plants.
- B. Moss keeps moisture in a log.
- C. Moss is like a smooth carpet on a log.

2. After fungi start to grow on a log, what role do they play in the decomposing of the log?

- A. They grow a fruity part called a mushroom.
- B. They provide a home for insects.
- C. They begin to break down the log.

3. Which detail best supports the claim that termites are important to the survival of the forest?

- A. They can digest wood and help to recycle the nutrients in a log so new trees can grow.
- B. They can make a nest in the log and lay their eggs in the spongy part.
- C. They consume the fruity part of the fungi called mushrooms.

4. Why does the author compare an earthworm to a gardener?

- A. Because they both can decompose soil into slivers of wood.
- B. Because they plant seeds in the soil so flowers will grow.
- C. Because they both turn over the soil so air and water can get in.

5. Which idea best summarizes a central message in the book?

- A. Earthworms and termites tunnel through the soil and let air get in.
- B. New trees in the forest need the rich soil that comes from logs that decay.
- C. Many kinds of plants and trees sprout and grow in the forest.

6. What does the word *edible* mean?

- A. to break down food
- B. to be unsafe to eat
- C. to be safe to eat