

Name _____

Date _____

Forests - Vocab Cards

adaptation]>

a change over time in a plant, animal, or other organism that makes it better fit its environment and better able to survive.

Longer beaks were a(n) adaptation. They helped birds on some islands find food and live long enough to pass on the trait.



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

biome]>

a region of the Earth characterized by similar ecosystems, including climate, geographical features and plant and animal life.

Forests and deserts are two examples of biomes. The plants and animals in each one have adapted to their particular conditions.



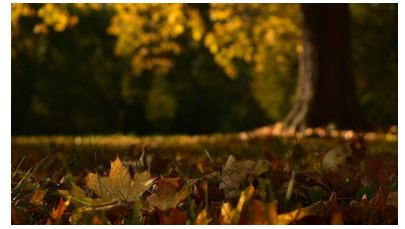
Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

deciduous]>

shedding annually, such as certain trees and shrubs.

Deciduous trees drop their leaves in the fall and regrow them in the spring.



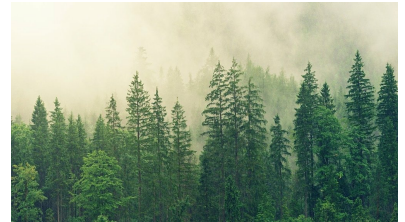
Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

evergreen]>

having green leaves throughout the year, such as certain plants and shrubs.

Evergreen trees keep their green needles year-round, even through the winter.



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

forest]>

a large area of land that is covered with trees; woodland.

Squirrels make their homes in trees, so there are many squirrels in the _forest_.

Synonyms: woods



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

latitude]>

distance north or south of the equator.

How far is New York from the equator? Check its _latitude_ on the map.



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

precipitation]>

water that falls from the sky to the ground as rain, snow, sleet or hail.

We had very strange weather today with all different forms of
precipitation: first rain, then sleet, then hail!



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to
show you understand its meaning:

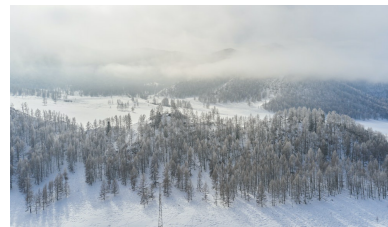
Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

taiga]>

**a coniferous forest located between 50 and 60 degrees North
latitude.**

The primary plant life in the _taiga_ is coniferous, or evergreen, trees.

Synonyms: boreal forest



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to
show you understand its meaning:

Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

temperate]>

having moderate temperatures, not extremely hot or cold

We live in a _temperate_ zone. We don't face the extreme heat or cold that hits other parts of the world.

Synonyms: mild

Antonyms: extreme



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

tropical rainforest]>

a type of forest found close to the equator known for its tall trees and high annual rainfall.

Deep inside a _tropical rainforest_ near the equator, scientists observed trees that extended over one hundred feet high and measured over 20 feet of annual rainfall.



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

Draw this vocab word or an example of it: