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## FORESTS

Forests can be found all around the world. There are many different plants and animals that use the forest as their home.

In the forest, small animals eat the fruits, nuts, mushrooms, and insects. They race around from tree to tree and jump from branch to branch. Larger animals eat smaller animals. Other animals eat seeds and shrubs. Even though most animals are scared of humans, they are never far away. An ant, bat, robin, snake, deer, or turkey may be hiding among the leaves. They may be sitting in the trees. They might be running on the ground.

Many different types of trees live in the forest. Trees drop their leaves during the fall to save water on the floor of the forest. The soil is made up of fallen leaves, dirt, and animals that have died. After the animals and plants die, their bodies break down. This makes the earth rich with nutrients.

Forests are fun places to visit. A person who wants to see and hear the real sounds of the forest must sit quietly and listen with his or her eyes and ears.

### STORY QUESTIONS

1. Which type of area is the article describing?
  - a. mountains
  - b. ocean
  - c. desert
  - d. forest
2. If you were to close your eyes in the forest, which one of these sounds might you hear?
  - a. a squirrel chattering with its friend
  - b. breaking glass
  - c. waves crashing on the rocks
  - d. sea gulls screeching
3. The purpose of this passage is . . .
  - a. to entertain the reader with forest crafts he or she can make.
  - b. to inform the reader of interesting facts about a forest.
  - c. to persuade the reader to travel to a forest on vacation.
  - d. to encourage the reader to create his or her own forest.
4. A good **synonym** for the word *shrub* could be . . .
  - a. dog.
  - b. bush.
  - c. bird.
  - d. sand.