

Sharing the Planet – Week 2 – Language Arts - Homework

Vocabulary Preview

Instructions: Match up as many words and meanings as you can.

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| ___ 1. Biome | a) An extremely dry area with little water and few plants |
| ___ 2. desert | b) Forests in which rainfall is abundant |
| ___ 3. Grassland | c) biome with long cold winters and a few months of warm weather |
| ___ 4. tropical rainforest | d) An extremely cold, dry biome |
| ___ 5. temperate forest | e) a plant with spines instead of leaves that grows in hot, dry places |
| ___ 6. Taiga | f) An imaginary circle around the middle of the earth |
| ___ 7. Tundra | g) water without salt |
| ___ 8. freshwater | h) a slow moving tropical animal |
| ___ 9. Equator | i) forest characterized by trees that drop their leaves annually |
| ___ 10. cactus | j) A biome where grasses are the main plant life |
| ___ 11. sloth | k) A group of ecosystems with similar climates and organisms |

Words in usage

Biome / desert / grassland / tropical rainforest / temperate forest / taiga / tundra / freshwater / equator / sloth / cactus

Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the word box.

1. Many plants and animals live in a _____.
2. The air in the _____ is often cool at night.
3. The _____ is a perfect hiding place for a mouse.
4. Scientists have found new medicines in the _____.
5. The _____ is full of colorful leaves in the autumn.
6. The _____ has green trees and white snow in winter.
7. Be sure to bring warm boots when you hike in the _____.
8. A river or lake is a _____ biome.
9. It is usually warm and wet near the _____.
10. The _____ moved through the tree very slowly.
11. A _____ doesn't need water every day.

For or Since – fill in the blanks

***For** is used for a duration of time; for a long time, for four hours, for ages*

***Since** is used for a point in time; since 6 o'clock, since she was a child, since last year*

Complete the sentences with for or since

1. I'm absolutely exhausted! I've been correcting my students' essay _____ hours.
2. They've been living next door _____ 2004.
3. Paul's had his car _____ six years.
4. She's worked for that company _____ she left school.
5. My neighbors have been arguing _____ over an hour.
6. David's been waiting for the bus _____ half an hour.
7. Johnny has been a famous singer _____ 1980.
8. I'm fed up! It's been raining _____ two days.
9. The children have been playing tennis _____ lunchtime.
10. Brenda's been going to that club _____ she came to London.

For and Since – circle the correct option

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Instructions: Circle the correct answer.

1. Pat's been here **for / since** three hours.
2. **Since / For** when have you been interested in astrology.
3. Sue's lived in Italy **for / since** she was a child.
4. Ever **for / since** I was a child I've been interested in history.
5. Have you been back to Paris **for / since** last year?
6. There hasn't been a kind in France **for / since** 1789.
7. The euro has been in circulation in France **for / since** several years.
8. I've been married **for / since** 2001.
9. Fiona has been learning English **for / since** she was six years old.
10. I've been speaking French **for / since** I arrived here in 1981.