

Fungus, Lichen, Conks, and Mushrooms, Oh My!

I Will be able to identify various types of decomposers, as well as, explain where they grow and what role they play in the forest ecosystem.

FUNGI

1. Fungi cannot photosynthesize their own food. Why is this?

2. Where do fungi live and grow?

3. How do fungi reproduce?

4. Examples of fungi include:

CONKS

5. What are conks? _____

6. Where do conks grow? _____

7. What do conks feel and look like?

LICHENS

8. What are lichens?

9. How is lichen created?

10. Where does lichen grow?

11. **List and describe** the three most commonly found types of lichen.

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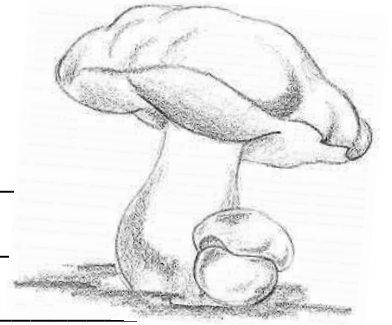
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MUSHROOMS

12. What are mushrooms?



MYCHORRHIZAL FUNGI

13. Where do mychorrhizal fungi grow? _____

14. How do the mychorrhizal fungi benefit trees?

15. What edible food is produced? _____