



# **GRADE 5 SCIENCE ZINGERS**

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## **Streamlined TEKS**

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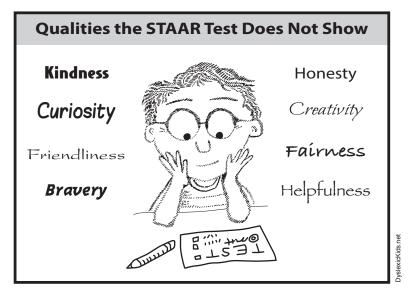
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Dear Student,

You are amazing in so many ways. There is no test that shows all the qualities that make you YOU.



You will take the STAAR Grade 5 Science test later this year. The test will ask questions about the science you learned in grades 3, 4, and 5. The questions may look different from what you have seen before, but don't worry. This workbook will help you. It has questions like the ones on the STAAR Science test, and it shows you how to solve them!

#### What's a Zinger?

A Zinger uses a STAAR Science test question that was hard for a lot of students. Pssst! Here's a secret. These kinds of questions won't be hard for you. Why not? Because you're going to learn how to solve them. So they won't surprise you when you see them on the STAAR Science Test.

#### **Practice Smart**

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Here's another secret. You can do well on the STAAR Science test if you practice. But it's important to practice smart. Don't practice by solving any old science problems. Practice with problems like the ones on the test. You'll have a chance to practice smart by using this workbook.

Getting ready for the STAAR Science test can be fun! Read each Zinger carefully, and practice, practice, practice. Keep trying and you will succeed!

Your STAAR success coaches, The Sirius Education Team

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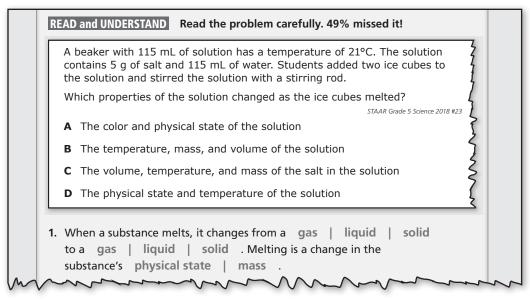
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### **How to Take the Zing Out of Zingers!**

Zingers will not get the best of you! If you follow these steps, you will get better at solving STAAR test problems.

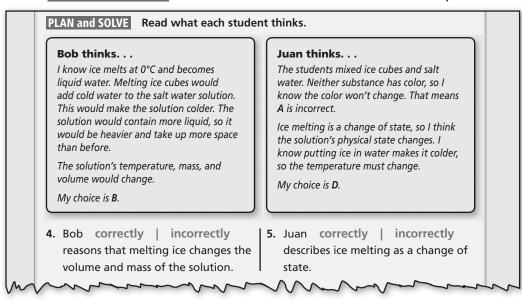
#### **STEP 1** READ and UNDERSTAND Read the problem carefully.



 Look at question 1 below the boxed problem. How can this help you solve the problem?

If you know how to solve the problem, solve it now. But if you are not sure how to solve it, that's OK! Go on to the next section.

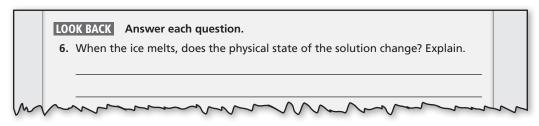
#### STEP 2 PLAN and SOLVE Read how two students solved the problem.



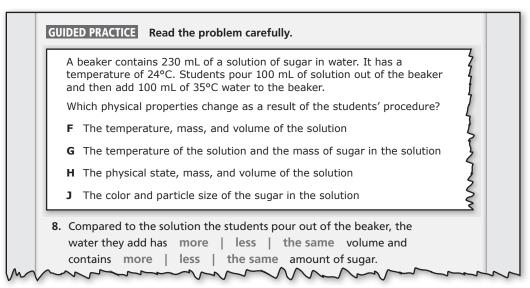
- 2. These two students' answers are different | the same
  - So, it is | is not possible for both students to be right.

As you read what each student thinks, watch out for errors. Finding their mistakes will help you avoid making the same mistakes yourself.

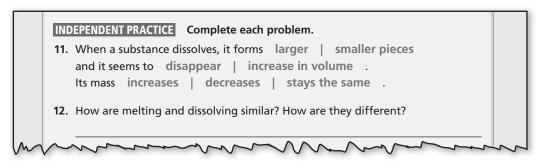
**STEP 3** LOOK BACK What did you learn by seeing how other students solved the problem?



**STEP 4 GUIDED PRACTICE** Now solve a similar problem. The steps below the problem can help you solve it.



**STEP 5 INDEPENDENT PRACTICE** Next, this is your chance to show what you know. Use everything you have learned to answer questions.



Finally, STAAR problem solving takes time, so don't rush. And write neatly. If you make a mistake, look back and try to find your error. When you learn from a mistake, you have a better chance of not making it again.

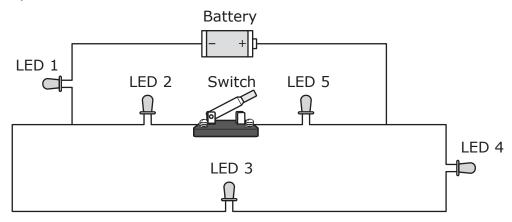
You are now ready to work on your Zingers!

# ZINGER 5

**5.6B** Demonstrate that the flow of electricity in closed circuits can produce light, heat, or sound.

#### **READ and UNDERSTAND** Read the problem carefully. 41% missed it!

This circuit has five light-emitting diode, or LED, lights. It also has one battery and one switch.



Which LEDs produce light when the switch is in the position shown?

- A LEDs 1, 3, and 4 only
- **B** LEDs 1, 2, 3, and 4
- C LEDs 3 and 4 only
- **D** LEDs 1, 3, 4, and 5

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- 1. The source of electricity for the LEDs is the switch | battery
- 2. The switch is open | closed , so electricity does | does not flow through the switch.
- 3. The LEDs can produce light only if they are part of a(n) complete | incomplete circuit.

#### PLAN and SOLVE Read what each student thinks.

#### Miriam thinks . . .

There is a complete circuit, or a complete path for electricity, that includes the battery and LEDs 1, 3, and 4. The switch is open, so there is no complete circuit including LEDs 2 and 5.

My choice is A.

#### Carla thinks . . .

If electricity flows from the + on the battery into the circuit, it can reach LED 5, but it can't go through the open switch, so it won't reach LED 2. Then it can continue through LEDs 4, 3, and 1.

My choice is **D**.

- **4.** Miriam **correctly** | **incorrectly** describes a complete circuit.
- **5.** Carla **correctly** | **incorrectly** concludes that electricity will flow through LED 5.

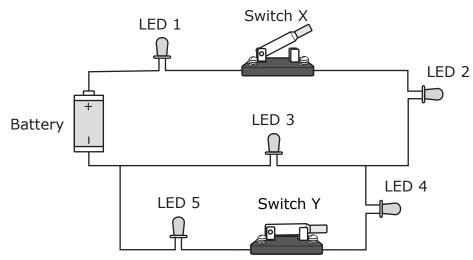
#### **LOOK BACK** Answer each question.

6. Which LEDs in the circuit do NOT produce light? Explain why.

7. The correct answer choice is A | B | C | D .

#### **GUIDED PRACTICE** Read the problem carefully.

The circuit below has one battery, two switches, and five light-emitting diode, or LED, bulbs.



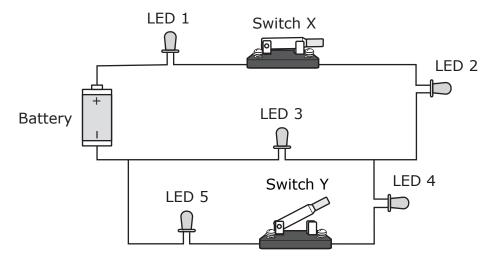
Which LEDs produce light when the switches are in the positions shown?

- **F** None of the LEDs
- **G** LED 1 only
- **H** LEDs 3, 4, and 5 only
- **J** LEDs 1, 3, 4, and 5 only
- **8.** For a complete circuit, electricity must be able to flow from one terminal of the battery to the **same** | **opposite** terminal of the battery.

9. The correct answer choice is **F** | **G** | **H** | **J** .

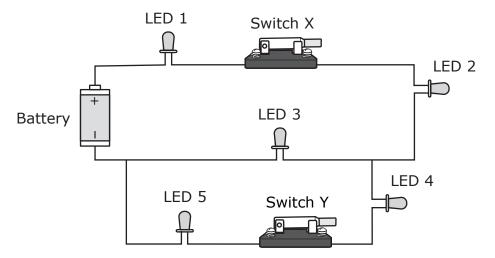
#### **INDEPENDENT PRACTICE** Answer each question.

**10.** Suppose Switch X is closed and Switch Y is open, as shown below.



Which LEDs in the circuit will produce light?

11. Suppose both switches are closed, as shown below.



- a. Which LEDs in the circuit will produce light? \_\_\_\_\_
- **b.** Where could you place an open switch in this circuit so that only LEDs 1, 2, 4, and 5 produce light?

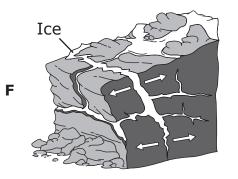
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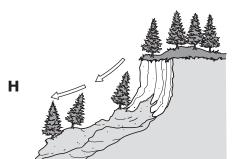
**5.7A** Explore the processes that led to the formation of sedimentary rocks and fossil fuels.

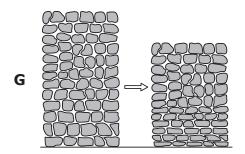
#### **READ and UNDERSTAND** Read the problem carefully. 46% missed it!

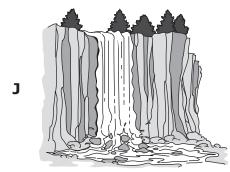
Which diagram models the process of compaction leading to the formation of sedimentary rock?

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- 1. Rock formed from layers of sediment is called \_\_\_\_\_\_ rock.
- **2.** The process of breaking down rock into smaller pieces is called **deposition** | **weathering** .
- 3. A substance that is *compact* is **packed together** | **spread apart** .
- **4.** The process that moves sediment to a new location is compaction | erosion .

#### PLAN and SOLVE Read what each student thinks.

#### Anna thinks. . .

I remember that sedimentary rock is made up of broken rock pieces. So maybe the process of compaction includes breaking rock into pieces. I don't think **H** is correct because it shows rock sliding down a hill. **F** shows ice splitting rock into pieces.

My answer is F.

#### Nicole thinks. . .

I know that something that is compact is pushed together. So the process of compaction must include pushing the parts of sedimentary rock together. The word sediment is part of the term sedimentary rock. Only **G** shows sediment that gets pushed together.

My answer is **G**.

- **5.** Anna **correctly** | **incorrectly** guesses that compaction includes breaking rock into pieces.
- **6.** Nicole **correctly** | **incorrectly** uses word parts to figure out what *compaction* means.

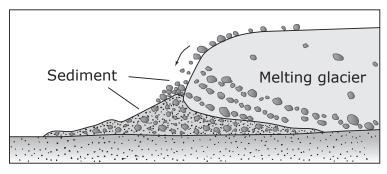
#### **LOOK BACK** Answer each question.

**7.** Describe how one student correctly uses reasoning to find the answer.

**8.** The correct answer choice is **F** | **G** | **H** | **J** .

#### **GUIDED PRACTICE** Read the problem carefully.

The diagram models one of the processes that leads to the formation of sedimentary rock. It shows a side view of the leading edge of a glacier.



Which statement best describes the process shown in the diagram?

- A Sediment builds up as it is deposited in a new location.
- **B** The weight of material above layers of sediment presses them together.
- **C** Sediment forms as weathering breaks rock into smaller pieces.
- **D** Loose sediment becomes cemented together and forms sedimentary rock.

- **9.** The diagram shows sediment moved by **ice** | **wind** .
- 10. As a glacier moves slowly downhill, it erodes sediment | presses sediment together .
- 11. As a glacier melts, sediment is carried away | deposited .
- **12.** The correct answer choice is **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** .

#### **INDEPENDENT PRACTICE** Answer each question.

**13.** How could the sediment deposited by a glacier become sedimentary rock? Identify the steps in the process.

**14.** The terms below describe steps in the formation of sedimentary rock. Write them in the order they occur.

cementation erosion deposition compaction weathering



2. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_<u>|</u>

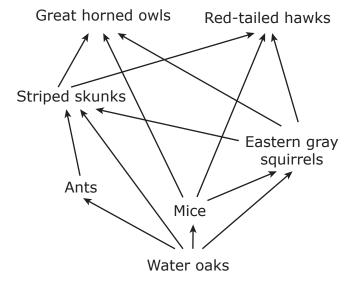
5. \_\_\_\_\_

# ZINGER 18

**5.9B** Describe the flow of energy within a food web, including the roles of the Sun, producers, consumers, and decomposers.

#### **READ and UNDERSTAND** Read the problem carefully. 47% missed it!

A partial food web from the Texas Piney Woods is shown.



How many types of organisms in this food web obtain energy directly from producers?

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- **A** Two
- **B** Three
- C Four
- **D** Five
- 1. A *producer* is an organism that **makes** | **consumes** its food by using water, carbon dioxide, and energy from the \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. In the diagram, the arrow between the great horned owls and striped skunks means that the great horned owls are eaten by | eat the striped skunks.
- 3. Which organisms in the food web are producers?

#### PLAN and SOLVE Read what each student thinks.

#### Sandra thinks. . .

Producers are located at the bottom of a food web. Water oaks are the only producers in the diagram.

Organisms that eat producers are located above the producers. The diagram shows ants, mice, and eastern gray squirrels directly above the water oaks.

My choice is **B**.

**4.** Sandra **correctly** | **incorrectly** thinks that water oaks are the only producers in the diagram.

#### Pedro thinks...

Producers provide energy for all the other organisms in an ecosystem. The producers in the diagram are the water oaks.

There are four arrows coming from the water oaks. Each arrow goes to a different consumer. These four consumers get energy directly from water oaks.

My choice is **C**.

5. Pedro correctly | incorrectly thinks that each arrow coming from the producer goes to a different consumer.

#### **LOOK BACK** Answer each question.

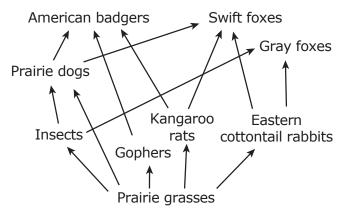
6.	Sandra   Pedro finds the correct answer choice.
	What mistake does the other student make?
7.	What would you do so that you do not make the same mistake?

8. The correct answer choice is A | B | C | D .

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#### **GUIDED PRACTICE** Read the problem carefully.

The Rolling Plains area of Texas is the southern end of the Great Plains of the United States. A partial food web from the Rolling Plains is shown.



How many types of organisms in this food web get their energy by eating only other consumers?

- **F** Two
- **G** Three
- **H** Four
- **J** Five
- 9. Which organisms in the food web are producers? \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 10. The question asks for the number of organisms that eat consumers | producers but do not eat consumers | producers Which organisms in the food web should NOT be counted?
- 11. The correct answer choice is F | G | H | J

#### **INDEPENDENT PRACTICE** Use the food web diagram above.

**12.** Omnivores are animals that eat both plants and animals. Kayla says that prairie dogs are the only omnivores in the food web.

Do you agree? Explain why or why not.	
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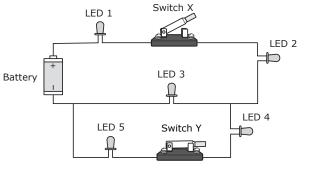
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- 5. Carla correctly (incorrectly) concludes that electricity will flow through LED 5.

LOOK BACK Answer each question.

- 6. Which LEDs in the circuit do NOT produce light? Explain why.
  - LEDs 2 and 5; Sample: For an LED to light up, electricity has to flow in one side of the LED and out the other. With the switch open, the electricity can't flow through LEDs 2 and 5.
- 7. The correct answer choice is  $(A) \mid B \mid C \mid D$ .

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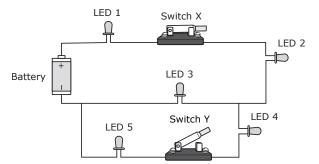
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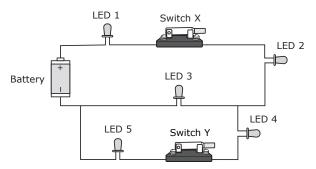
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- all five LEDs a. Which LEDs in the circuit will produce light?
- **b.** Where could you place an open switch in this circuit so that only LEDs 1, 2, 4, and 5 produce light?

just to the right or left of LED 3

To obtain a copy of the remaining answers to this Sampler, email:

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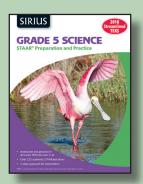
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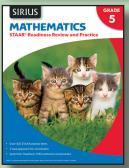
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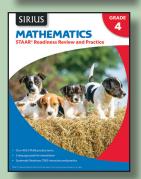
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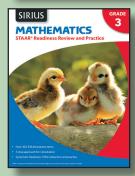
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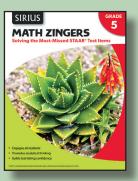
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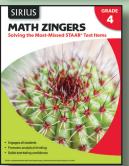


















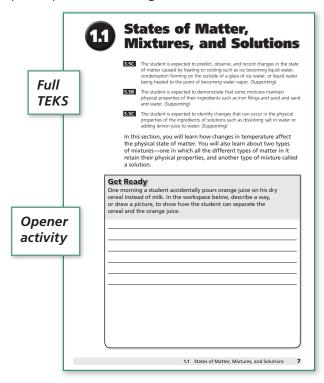


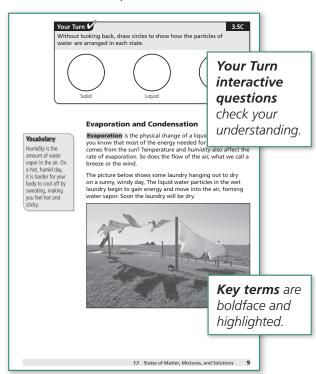
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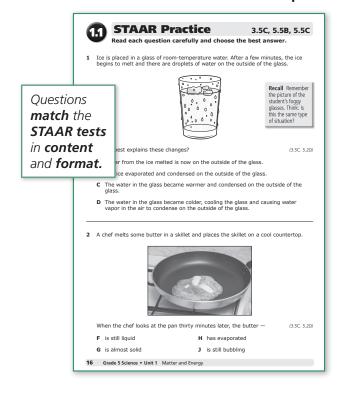
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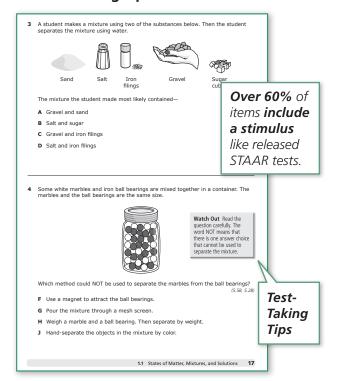




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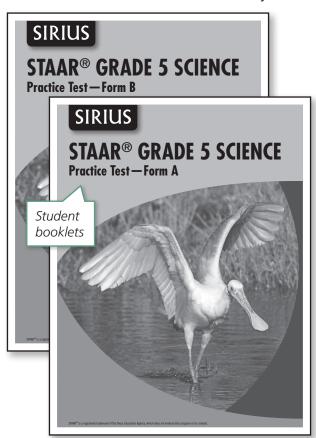


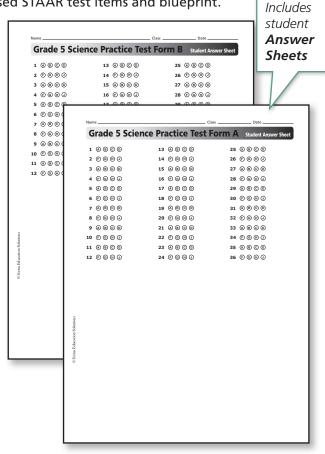


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1	D is correct because a particular shape and size of bill can allow a bird to be more successful at eating a certain type of food. For example, a finch with a large, strong bill can crack and eat large seeds. Therefore, the trait that allows individuals to be better adapted to a food source can become more	8	<b>G</b> is correct because all other ani cannot tolerate a pH lower than! will die out at that acidity. Frogs a pH as low as 4.0, so they are conly with other frogs and not wit animals within that range of acid
,	common in a population, and over many generations, cause the population to evolve into a new species.  J is correct because metals tend to have	9	C is correct because the Sun has brightness of 1, and the brightne red glants is greater. The Sun's t is close to 5,700K while most red have a temperature less than thi
	greater luster, greater malleability, higher melting points, and greater conductivity than nonmetals.	10	temperature.  F is correct because it takes an unforce to change the speed or direct.
3	${f C}$ is correct. The straight diagonal line on the graph shows that the object traveled at a constant speed for the first five seconds; 25 m/5 s = 5 m/s. The horizontal line shows that the object did not move farther from		object's motion and an accelerati a change in an object's speed or motion. When the net force actin object is zero, all of the forces ar
Copyrigh 4	the starting point during the next 5 seconds, so it must have not been moving.  H is correct because mid-ocean ridges and	11	C is correct because Li and Na ar the same group on the periodic t thus have the same number of vi- electrons. No two other elements
work ma mechani	rift valleys commonly occur at a divergent boundary, where two plates move apart		the same number of valence elec
system, 5 STAAR®	from one another.  A is correct because A is the most reactive metal and C is the most reactive non-metal. They would react to form a bond such that	12	F is correct because the wall pus the left with the same force that push the wall toward the right. T action-reaction, explained by Nev Law.
Educations Solutions	their outer energy levels are full. <b>D</b> is an inert gas and will not react. <b>A</b> and <b>B</b> will not	13	B is correct because electrons co
Printed i	react with one another because they both tend to give up electrons and thus would not form a bond that filled their outer energy		located anywhere within the elec and areas 2 and 3 are within the cloud. Area 1 shows the nucleus,
Possess	levels.		is outside the atom.
6	H is correct because, following the drought, there will be a decrease in green grasses and in increase in exposed dirt and soil. As conditions change, those individuals that are better adapted to the new conditions, brown lizards, will survive and produce more	14	J is correct because, depending a season of the year, the number of hours at the poles varies from ze other part of Earth experiences t variation.
	offspring, causing the genetic makeup of the population to change over time.	15	3 is correct because primary con organisms that eat producers. The producers shown in this food web
7	C is correct because gravity exerted a downward force that moved the tool in the downward direction of the force. Therefore, gravity did work on the tool.		grasses and trees. According to t web, rabbits, deer, and grasshop primary consumers because they or trees.
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