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Deciduous Forest Challenge

A number of words have been removed from the text and placed in a word bank. Use the words from the word bank to fill in the blanks in the text. Write the words in the blanks provided.

The Deciduous Biome is also called the [1]_____ Forest Biome and is very close to the Taiga Biome. Deciduous means 'tend to fall off' and refers to the tree [2]_____, which are usually [3]_____ and fall off seasonally. This biome is found in the mid latitude areas. The Deciduous Forest gets the [4]_____ largest amount of rainfall, second to the Tropical Rainforest biome.

The Deciduous Forests are found in the Eastern half of North America and the middle of [5]_____.

Average [6]_____ is about 75-150 cm. or 30 to 60 in. are mild in temperature and average about 21°C or 70°F, however, the winter temperatures will often be well below [7]_____.

The Deciduous Forest biome experiences four [8]_____ seasons, spring, summer, fall, and winter. In the fall the leaves will change color and as fall changes to winter, trees will [9]_____ their leaves.

Animals in the Deciduous Forests are able [10]_____ to the changing

weather patterns of each [11]_____. They have to survive the cold winters and the hot summers. Some animals will [12]_____ and some will migrate during the cold winter months. Those animals who don't hibernate or [13]_____ have special adaptations to survive both weather and winter predators.[14]_____ will develop a warm winter coat, and lose it as the summer approaches. Many of the animals are camouflaged to look like the ground which protects them from predators. Black bears, wolves and coyotes are very [15]_____ in the Deciduous Forest. The Deciduous Forest is also home to many insects, spiders, slugs, frogs, turtles, salamanders, snakes and many types of birds.

The [16]_____ is very rich in this biome. Trees in the Deciduous Forest biome include maple, elm, oak, and cedar to name a few that shed their leaves and there are also evergreen trees. The Deciduous trees adapt remarkably to the seasonal changes by [17]_____ color in the fall, losing their leaves in or by winter, sprouting new leaf buds in the spring and growing full leaves in the summer. There are also many shrubs and mosses that grow on the forest [18]_____ which doesn't get a lot of [19]_____

soil	sunlight	europe	common
migrate	freezing	shed	adapt
leaves	floor	rainfall	changing
hibernate	second	animals	temperate
broad	changing	season	