

## Reading Tip

As you read, use other skills, such as summarizing and connecting, to help you understand comparisons and contrasts.

## Target Your Reading

Use this to focus on the main ideas as you read the chapter.

- 1 Before you read** the chapter, respond to the statements below on your worksheet or on a numbered sheet of paper.
  - Write an **A** if you **agree** with the statement.
  - Write a **D** if you **disagree** with the statement.
- 2 After you read** the chapter, look back to this page to see if you've changed your mind about any of the statements.
  - If any of your answers changed, explain why.
  - Change any false statements into true statements.
  - Use your revised statements as a study guide.

Before You Read A or D	Statement	After You Read A or D
	<b>1</b> A community is all the populations of species that live in an ecosystem.	
	<b>2</b> All deserts are hot and dry environments.	
	<b>3</b> An ecosystem is made up of only the living things in an area.	
	<b>4</b> Organisms living in the wild always have enough food and living space.	
	<b>5</b> The greatest competition in nature is among organisms of the same species.	
	<b>6</b> Both nonliving and living parts of an ecosystem can limit the number of individuals in a population.	
	<b>7</b> Living organisms do not need a constant supply of energy.	
	<b>8</b> All consumers are predators.	
	<b>9</b> Relationships between organisms of different species cannot benefit both organisms.	