

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