

Building Vocabulary

solstice	rain forest	tornado
biome	permafrost	needleleaf
greenhouse effect	equinox	coniferous
typhoon	blizzard	rain shadow
drought	steppe	

A. Sentence Completion

Select the term that best completes the sentence.

1. Winter _____, the beginning of winter, is the shortest day of the year.
2. Twice a year on the _____, the days and nights all over the world are equal in length.
3. The land on the leeward side of hills or mountains is called a _____, because it gets little rain from the descending dry air.
4. Some scientists argue that global temperature increases are caused by the _____.
5. Needleleaf trees are also called _____ trees.

B. Matching

Match the definition in the second column with the word in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

_____ 1. typhoon	a. a regional ecosystem
_____ 2. tornado	b. a heavy snowstorm
_____ 3. blizzard	c. pine, fir, and cedar trees
_____ 4. drought	d. an area located in the Tropical Zone that is heavily covered with broadleaf trees
_____ 5. permafrost	e. the name for a hurricane in Asia
_____ 6. biome	f. a long period without rain or with very minimal rainfall
_____ 7. rain forest	g. a powerful, funnel-shaped column of spiraling air
_____ 8. needleleaf	h. vast grassland regions in the Northern Hemisphere
_____ 9. steppes	i. land in which the subsoil is constantly frozen

C. Writing About Geography

Imagine you have survived a hurricane that has hit Indonesia. Using each of the following terms correctly, describe the storm and its effect on animal and plant life. Use the back of this page and underline each term.

typhoon rain forest deciduous ecosystem