

Introduction To Virtual Learning

HS Biology Echinoderm

May 11, 2020



HS/General Biology Lesson: Monday, May 11 2020

Objective/Learning Target: Describe the characteristics of members of the echinoderm phylum.



Warm Up Questions: Write down or answer in your head!

Warm Up #1 Is a starfish a autotroph or a heterotroph? How do you know?Warm Up #2 What is radial symmetry? What does this look like?



Warm Up Question Answers

Warm Up #1 Is a starfish a autotroph or a heterotroph? How do you know?

Starfish must eat substances for energy, making them heterotrophs- if they got their energy from sunlight, they would be autotrophs.

Warm Up #2 What is radial symmetry? What does this look like? Organisms with radial symmetry show a repeating pattern around a central axis such that they can be separated into several identical pieces when cut through the central point, <u>much like pieces of a pie</u>.



Lesson Activity: Video Notes

To begin this lesson, get out a blank sheet of paper and something to write with.

You will be watching a video over echinoderms, taking notes, and answering a few questions to practice this new skill.

Before you begin, consider jotting down the questions found on the next page.

When you are ready to begin, click here to watch the video: <u>Echinoderm : The</u> <u>Ultimate Animal</u>



Practice Questions: On your paper, answer these 8 questions

- 1) Echinoderms tend to have arms and legs found in multiples of what number?
- 2) Which echinoderm family member is a 5-part sphere?
- 3) Which echinoderm family member is a 5-part tube?
- 4) What is the function of the nerve ring in echinoderms?
- 5) Sea urchins niche is that of a producer, primary consumer or secondary consumer?
- 6) Sea cucumbers niche is that of a producer, scavenger or predator?



7) Brittle Stars' niche is that of a producer, scavenger or predator?

8) What 2 jobs are done by echinoderm tube feet?

9) Which organ protrudes from a sea star, digesting and absorbing its prey?



Practice Questions:

- 1) Echinoderms tend to have arms and legs found in multiples of _____. Five
- 2) Which echinoderm family member is a 5-part sphere? Urchin
- 3) Which echinoderm family member is a 5-part tube? Sea cucumber
- 4) What is the function of the nerve ring in echinoderms? It serves as the braincoordinating responses
- 5) Sea urchins niche is that of a producer, primary consumer or secondary consumer? Sea urchins are primary consumers- eating plants
- 6) Sea cucumbers niche is that of a producer, scavenger or predator? Sea cucumbers are scavengers, filtering out scraps in the sand.



7) Brittle Stars' niche is that of a producer, scavenger or predator? Brittle stars

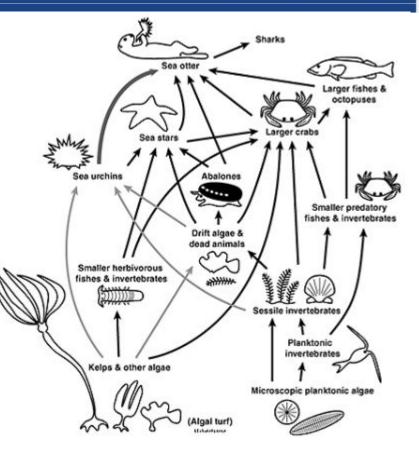
are predators, snaring organisms with their arms.

8) What 2 jobs are done by echinoderm tube feet? Locomotion and sensory

9) Which organ protrudes from a sea star, digesting and absorbing its prey? Stomach

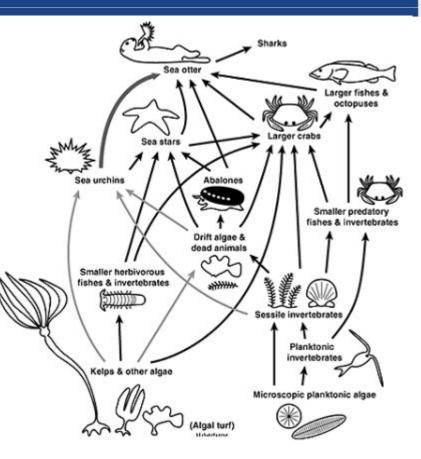


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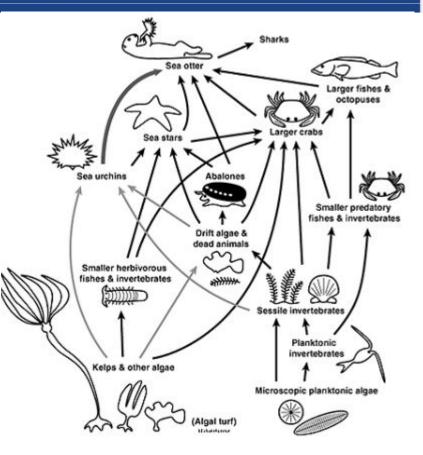


- If the population of sea otters increased in this food web, then the population of sea stars would ____.
 - Decrease, there would be more predators for the sea stars





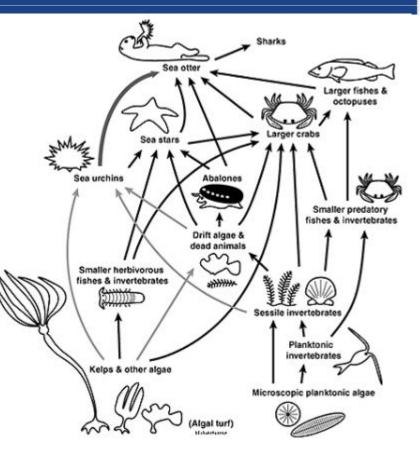
2) If the population of kelp decreased in this food web, then the population of sea urchins would ____.





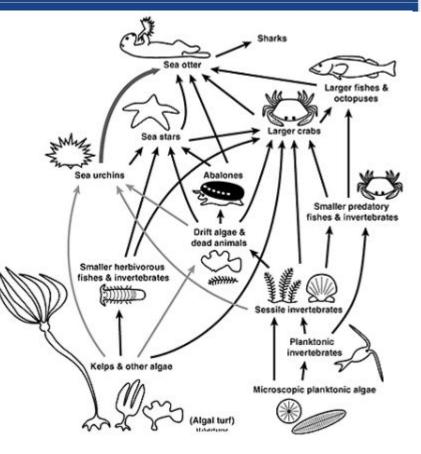
2) If the population of kelp decreased in this food web, then the population of sea urchins would ____.

Decrease, there would be less food for the sea urchins





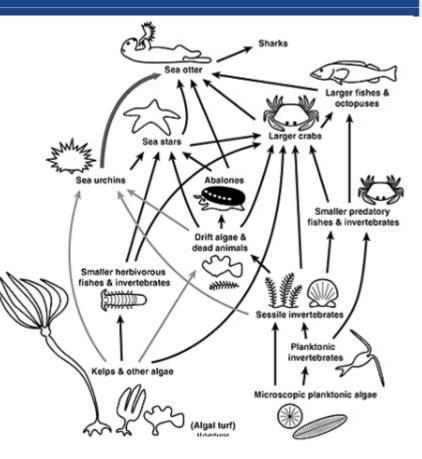
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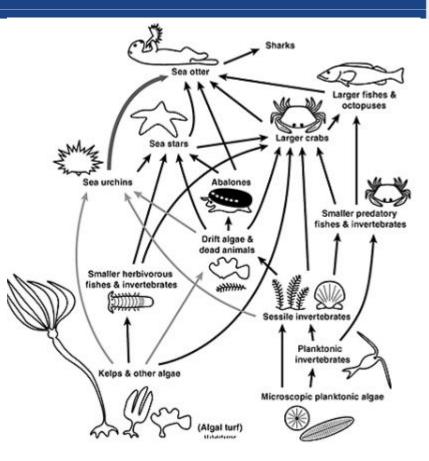
Increase, with the increase of sharks there should be a decrease in the sea otter population- so fewer sea urchins would be eaten





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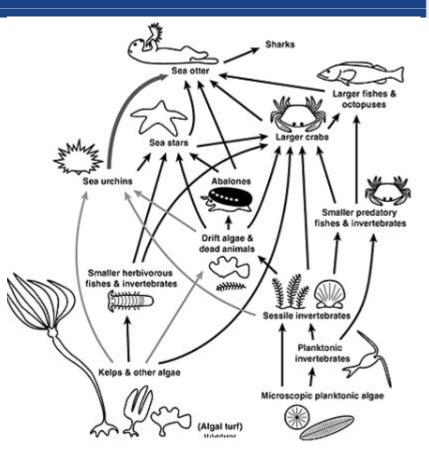
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- b) Lack of sunlight
- c) Drought





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Common Misconceptions:

<u>Click</u> here to read more about Echinoderms and answer some questions about whether they have blood, or can see, or have an exoskeleton.



Extra Resources:

Learn more about the echinoderms and their relatives at <u>Tree of Life</u>

Still want to know more- probably more than you will ever need to know is here at the <u>Digital Atlas of Ancient Life</u>

Want to own a piece of echinoderm history- check out these echinoderm fossils for sale at <u>FossilEra</u>