

Lesson: Why don't the same trees grow everywhere?

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| adaptation | a physical trait or behavior that helps a living thing survive in its environment |
| branch | a part of a tree that grows out from the trunk and usually has leaves |
| environment | all the living and nonliving things in a particular place |
| evidence | information that can be used to support or reject an idea |
| external | the outside of something, including the outside of living things |
| function | what something does |
| internal | the inside of something, including the inside of living things |
| leaf | a part of a plant that is often flat and green |
| model | a pretend version of something that scientists use when the real thing is too big, small, or complicated to work with |
| root | a part of a plant that is usually under the ground |
| structure | the specific form and shape of something |
| system | a group of things that affect each other and function as a whole |
| taiga (boreal forest) | a cold, forest environment where trees often have needle-shaped leaves |
| trunk | the thick middle part of a tree |