## Vocabulary

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

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