

Lesson: A Beginner's Guide to Invasive Species

Activity: Why We Care About Invasive Species

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Word Smack- Sample Game Questions

QUESTION	ANSWER	QUESTION	ANSWER
I am a Willow seedling growing in your Strawberry patch	Weed	I am a Dandelion growing in your green grass. You don't like me there and want to pull me up.	Weed
I am a Goldfish– I was a classroom pet but got released into the local pond and have had hundreds of babies.	Invasive	I was brought to BC by people a long time ago as a favourite food, but I can't seem to move anywhere without the help of humans.	Exotic/Non-native
I don't usually grow in BC, but I hitchhiked up here as a seed on a truck tire.	Exotic/Non-native	Indigenous peoples have used me as medicine for thousands of years.	Native
I arrived in BC from Alberta in some hay for horses and now I am spreading all over the riding trails.	Invasive	I am growing up in the cracks in the sidewalk at your school, and the groundskeepers always try to kill me, so I don't make the cement crumble.	Weed
I am a Douglas fir tree, a species that who has been growing in BC for thousands of years.	Native	I am a yellow perch who was brought to BC by someone who likes to fish. I've since had many babies who have spread to other lakes and eat baby salmon and trout!	Invasive
I am a plant that originally came from Europe.	Exotic/Non-native	I've grown naturally in BC since before humans even lived here.	Native
I started out as a pretty flower patch planted in a garden, but now I'm moving into the forest. Just try to stop me!	Invasive	I am a Feral pig – I was brought to BC to be raised on a farm but was let loose and now I run wild with lots of my relatives, dig up acres of ground, and eat the eggs of ducks and other birds.	Invasive
I am a Kiwi – a delicious fruit, but I can't seem to grow well outside of a warm garden with lots of fertilizer.	Exotic/Non-Native	The caterpillars of a rare butterfly that lives only in BC have evolved to feed only on my leaves.	Native

