

Find the main idea of each paragraph and underline the main topic sentences that best describes the main idea.

1. Each and every living being in an ecosystem, has a specific role to play to ensure their survival. Some living beings are producers, which means they produce their own food from the energy of the sun. Plants, for example, are producers. Plants use chlorophyll in their chloroplasts to use water, sunlight and carbon dioxide to produce their own food. Other living things are consumers. A consumer is an animal that eats plants or other animals. Consumers can not produce their own food. Consumers depend on producers for the food which gives them energy. When an animal eats a plant, the energy from the plant is transferred to the animal. Therefore, producers are necessary for all animals to survive.
2. Both producers and consumers are necessary for other consumers to survive. Consumers help producers reproduce. Some plants need pollen from other plants to produce seeds. Animals help plants reproduce by carrying pollen from one plant to another. Sometimes, small insects and birds carry seeds or pollen to other plants. Sometimes, eating the seeds helps the plant produce new plants. Some larger animals help producers spread by carrying their seeds in their animal fur, or by eating the fruit from the plant. Animals carry the seeds to new places, where the seeds are deposited and grow into new plants.