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Fog appears and disappears over the course of a morning in the Willamette Valley in Oregon.

Morning Fog in Willamette Valley

Animation 1 shows the appearance and disappearance of fog in the valley during a 24-hour day. The sun rises at 6 a.m. and sets at 6 p.m. Click the small gray arrow to begin the animation.

Animation 1. Willamette Valley Fog



Your Task

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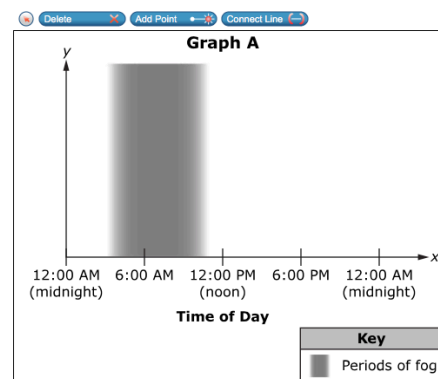
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In the graphs below, illustrate three factors that change over the course of the day causing the fog to appear and disappear. The horizontal axis on each graph represents the 24-hour day shown in the animation.

For each graph's vertical axis, select the factor that you would like to graph. Then, use the Connect Line button to draw a graph that shows the pattern of change over time. To receive credit, your line segments must be connected and form a continuous graph.

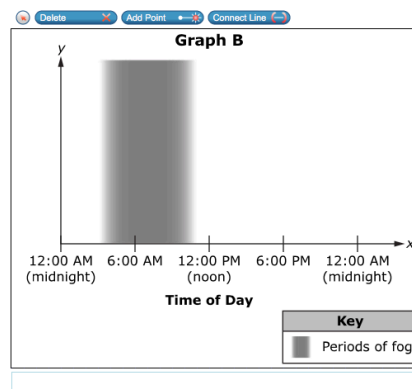
Part A

Variable for vertical axis of Graph A:



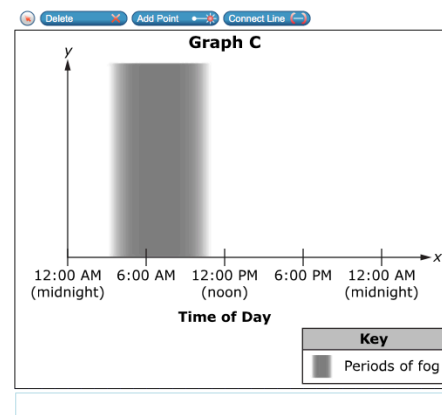
Part B

Variable for vertical axis of Graph B:



Part C

Variable for vertical axis of Graph C:



Part D

Click each box and select a word or phrase to complete the sentence describing why fog appears and disappears during the course of the day.

A change in causes a change in , which in turn causes a change in .

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Sparks fly off the wheels of a train when the brakes are applied.

Click the small gray arrow to see a demonstration of this happening in Animation 1.

Animation 1. Braking Train

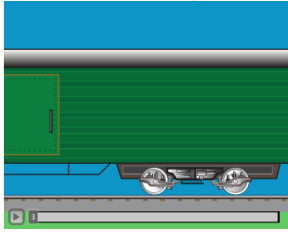


Table 1 explains some properties of the train and its surroundings as energy flows throughout the system.

Table 1. Properties of the Train System

Before Brakes Are Applied	After Brakes Applied
No sparks	Sparks fly off the wheels and brake pads
Brake pads make no sound	Brake pads make sound
Brake pads are cold	Brake pads are hot
Wheels are warm	Wheels are hot
Rails are warm	Rails are warmer
Train is moving fast	Train is moving slow

Your Task

In the questions that follow, you will analyze what happens to the train when the brakes are applied.

happens when the train's brakes are applied.

Applying the brakes causes the [] to transfer kinetic energy to the []. This causes the [] to slow down and have [] kinetic energy, which slows the train.

Part B

When the train applies its brakes, what happens to the energy of the surroundings?

☐ A The surroundings gain energy.

☐ B The surroundings lose energy.

☐ C The surroundings do not gain or lose energy.

☐ D There is not enough information to determine the energy of the surroundings.

Part C

Which **three** statements support your choice in part B?

☐ The train maintains its speed.

☐ Sound is produced.

☐ Sound is consumed.

☐ Light is produced.

☐ Light is consumed.

☐ Heat is produced.

☐ Heat is consumed.

Part D

Select **three** pieces of evidence that would support the claim that the kinetic energy of the wheels changed form.

☐ The brakes give off energy as heat.

☐ The brakes make a screeching sound.

☐ The brakes undergo a chemical reaction.

☐ The sparks that fly off the wheels give off light.

☐ The potential energy of the train increases as it slows.

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Willow populations in Yellowstone National Park have increased since wolves were reintroduced to the park in 1995.

Willows are small trees that grow best in marshlike environments. After studying the Yellowstone food web shown in Diagram 1 and the population data for the park shown in Table 1, students arrive at two different hypotheses.

Diagram 1. Yellowstone Food Web

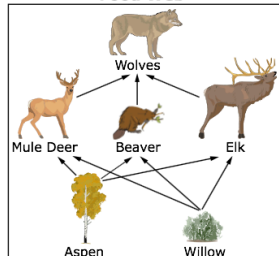


Table 1. Yellowstone Population Data

	Wolves	Elk	Beaver	Mule Deer
1995	31	16,791	10	2,014
2004	171	8,335	120	2,014

Note: These data are approximate.

Hypothesis 1:

When wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone, the wolves preyed upon the elk, which allowed the beavers to eat more willow. This led to more beavers and beaver dams. Beaver dams create marsh environments that willows do well in, allowing the willow's population to increase.

Hypothesis 2:

When wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone, they preyed upon all animal species that ate plants. With fewer plant-eating animals eating willows, fewer willow plants were eaten and the population of willow plants increased.

Your Task

In the questions that follow, you will analyze and evaluate these two competing hypotheses.

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Part A

Click on each box and select a word/phrase that completes the table with the Yellowstone population data from 1995 and 2004 and the hypothesis those data support.

Table 2. Summary of Yellowstone Population Data and Supported Hypotheses

Data	Hypothesis Supported
Elk population	
Beaver population	
Mule deer population	

Part B

Which hypothesis is best supported by the evidence?

- ☐ All of the evidence is consistent with Hypothesis 1.
☐ All of the evidence is consistent with Hypothesis 2.
☐ Most of the evidence is consistent with Hypothesis 1.
☐ Most of the evidence is consistent with Hypothesis 2.
☐ The evidence does not favor either hypothesis.

Part C

Aspen trees are shown in Diagram 1. Moose and bison are two plant-eating animal species that are not shown in Diagram 1 but are also part of the Yellowstone food web.

Based on Hypothesis 2, click on each box to select a word/phrase to make a prediction about what would happen to the moose, bison, and aspen tree populations after the reintroduction of wolves.

Table 3. Population Predictions

Species	Population after Wolf Reintroduction	Reason for Impact on Population
Moose		
Bison		
Aspen tree		

Part D

Based on Hypothesis 1, and the information in Diagram 1, Table 1, and Table 3 from part C, click on each box to select two different predictions.

Table 4. Population Predictions

Prediction Number	Prediction Statement
1	
2	