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| **Across****2.** the stable, mature community that results when there is little change in the composition of species**4.** the establishment of a community in an area of exposed rock that doesn't have any topsoil**5.**  the average weather conditions in an area**11.** found in areas with less annual rainfall than in the temperate forests**13.** the distance of any point on Earth's surface north or south of the equator**14.** material that is deposited by water, wind, or glaciers**15.** the ability of an organism to survive when subjected to abiotic factors or biotic factors**16.** an ecosystem that is formed where freshwater merges with saltwater**17.** the biome that is characterized by fertile soil that is able to support a thick cover of grasses**18.** a treeless biome with a layer of permafrost**19.** composed mostly of broad-leaved, deciduous trees woodlands: found in areas with less annual rainfall than in the temperate forests**20.** characterized by grasses and scattered trees | **Down****1.** the change in an ecosystem that happens when one community replaces another as a result of changing abiotic and biotic factors**3.** also called taiga or northern coniferous forest**6.** areas that are saturated with water and support aquatic plants**7.**  the condition of the atmosphere at a specific place and time latitude: the distance of any point on Earth's surface north or south of the equator**8.** warm temperatures and large amounts of rainfall throughout the year**9.** free-floating, photosynthetic autotrophs that live in fresh water or marine ecosystems**10.**  any abiotic or biotic factor that restricts the numbers, reproduction, or distribution of organisms**12.**  any area in which the annual rate of evaporation exceeds the rate of annual rainfall |