

Invasives on the Loose

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1.



What is this invasive plant, and what are its defining characteristics?

2.

Why do we need to make sure invasive plants aren't growing in our gardens or native ecosystems?

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What is this invasive plant, and what is the defining characteristic?

4.

What should you wear when touching plants you don't know, and why?

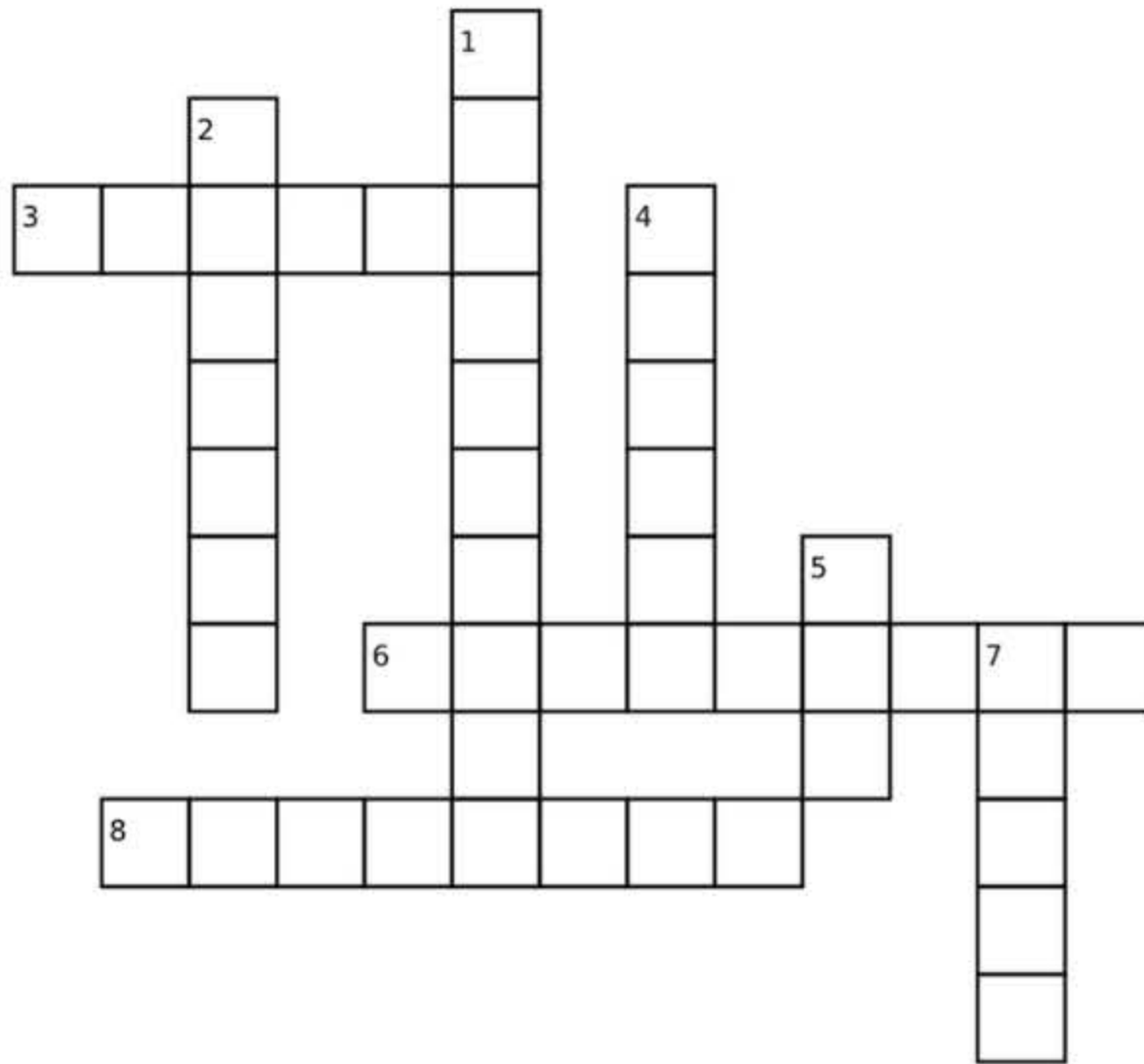
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Why can invasive plants easily grow in gardens?



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CROSSWORD



1. _____ and 6. _____ are native plants are native to Cache Creek, and are able to survive because they are 2. _____ tolerant.

8. _____ plants cause damage because they outcompete 3. _____ plants and 4. _____ plants.

Bad Bluet and Terrible Tansy could not stay in Cache Creek because the soil was too 5. _____

7. What did Bad Bluet and Terrible Tansy leave behind as clues?

QUESTION

What did Sophie and Josh do to demonstrate Play-clean-go before leaving Cache Creek? Why did they do this?



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QUESTIONS

1. Invasive plants can spread in many different ways. What are three ways they can travel a short distance? What are three ways they can travel a long distance?

2. Complete the table by comparing the environments of Cache Creek and Blue River.

	Cache Creek	Blue River

3. Given that the environments of Cache Creek and Blue River are unsuitable for Bad Bluet and Terrible Tansy, what do you think would be the ideal environment and climate for them to live?

4. What are two things you can do to keep our ecosystems healthy and free from invasive species?

