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Subject: Peer Review of term "Realized Niche"

Thank you for submitting your definition assignment for lessons 1.3. This was an enjoyable read and was a great learning tool. Please see the review of the document below with suggestions for improvements, which you will hopefully find useful.

### **First Impressions**

At first glance your assignment is impressive and shows that you are knowledgeable on the subject matter. The assignment is well-organized and the visual is helpful to explain the definition. The works cited list demonstrates good use of external sources in reinforcing your explanation of the definition.

### **Organization**

By removing some of the semi colons used, the sentences will blend more smoothly together. In addition, using a period and creating shorter sentences to produce varied sentence lengths. Starting a sentence with "for example" and "to contract" can be a bit abrupt, so consider changing a sentence to begin with something like "An example of" to ensure your assignment flows well.

### **Definitions**

The parenthetical definition as well as the extended definition provides a good amount of detail without being overwhelming. For a reader who may not be familiar with the term "realized niche", the definitions provide enough explanation. Consider adding more detail regarding the Grey Squirrel and Red Squirrel example. This aspect of the assignment was very interesting and could be expanded on.

### **Visuals**

The visual is a great tool to support the definition. The visual being used is great because it includes text which makes it self-explanatory. It would be helpful if the visual were a bit larger.

### **Grammar/Typos**

No major spelling or grammatical errors are present, although there are a few times where the term "its" and "it's" are used incorrectly. It would also be useful to double check the way "species" is pluralized.

### **Works Cited**

The Works Cited section looks good. Using a few outside sources helps to reinforce the idea that you are attempting to convey in your assignment.

### **Concluding remarks**

Overall, the assignment is very well done. It is well-organized, adheres to the assignment requirements, and is very interesting to read. Please take the following suggestions into consideration to help improve your assignment:

- Removing unnecessary semicolons
- Changing the beginning of sentences to increase ease and flow (For example – change this to: An example of)
- Expanding on the concept of the Red Squirrel and the Grey Squirrel
- Increasing the size of the visual
- Self-editing to ensure grammar is correct throughout

Thank you for allowing me to peer review your assignment and provide recommendations. Please feel free to send me an email at [amy.vergouwen@alumni.ubc.ca](mailto:amy.vergouwen@alumni.ubc.ca) if you have any further questions or require clarification on anything. Great job!