



USDA Forest Service

Research & Development



Natural Inquirer Spring 1999 - Volume 1, Number 2

Who or What Am I Answer Key

1. We're neither plant nor animal. We produce our offspring not by sexual reproduction but by asexual reproduction which is performed by cell division. Some of our relatives are mushrooms. What are we?

■ Fungi

2. A fungus has a lot of me. I like water or humidity very much because I need them for germination. If there is not enough water and food, I'm going into a dormant state. What am I?

■ Spore

3. I'm a type of diseases that can be deadly to trees in the forest. Scientists have not found a way to stop me, but they have tried to make trees resistant to me. What am I?

■ Fusiform Rust Disease

4. I can kill any organisms harmful to lumber. Many countries require that imported lumber be put into me to prevent the spread of diseases. What am I?

■ Kiln

5. We can cause weakness in many different types of conifers. You can find us in wood chips or trees that have recently been cut. However, we seldom affect living trees. What are we?

■ Nematodes