

Ecosystem Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example/Illustration	Word	Definition	Example/Illustration
Community	The living parts of an ecosystem-plants and animals		Food chain	The steps in which organisms get the food they need to live, shows the transfer of energy from one organism to another	
Consumer	An organism that Uses food that producers make or eat other organisms		Food web	Represent how food chains are connected to other food chains within one ecosystem	
Ecosystem	Places that include both living and nonliving things and how they interact and depend on each other.		Extinct	the disappearance, brought about by natural or unnatural means, of an entire species. No longer living, when the last species of a particular organism has died	
Environment	Everything that surrounds and affects a living thing		Energy	(As related to ecosystems) the power that helps things grow and be healthy-usually related to food for living things	
Population	Only one type of organism, living thing, from a community		Living	the organisms, plants and animals, of an ecosystem	
Producer	Organisms that make food-like algae and plants-they use sunlight to make food		Non-living	The parts of an ecosystem such as the water, rocks, air, light, and soil that create the conditions of an ecosystem	
Soil	The loose material that covers much of the earth's surface		Scarce	When there is not much of one organism or food supply	

Decomposer	An organism that breaks down waste and remains of other organisms		Over-abundant	When there can be too much of one organism and this is known as over abundant	
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Ecosystem Vocabulary 2

Word	Definition	Example/Illustration	Word	Definition	Example/Illustration
Organic Matter	The remains of plants and animals		Microorganism	A tiny living thing that only can be seen through a microscope	
Photosynthesis	The process plants use to make food		Carnivore	An animal that eats only other animals	
Decay	To break down into simpler materials		Herbivore	An animal that eats only plants	
Predator	An animal that lives by preying on other animals for food.		Omnivore	Animal that eats both plants and animals	
Prey	An animal hunted or caught by another for food.		Scavenger	An animal that feeds on the remains of other animals	

