

Ecology Vocabulary	Simple Definition
Organism	One single living thing
Ecosystem	All living things in their environment
Biotic Factor	Living things
Abiotic Factor	Nonliving things in the environment
Food Chain	Passing of energy from one organism to another
Food Web	Many intertwining food chains
Producer	Organisms that can make their own food
Herbivore	Organisms that eat only plants
Omnivore	Organisms that eat plants and animals
Carnivore	Organisms that eat only animals
Decomposer	Organisms that eat dead things
Habitat	The place where one organism lives
Niche	The role one organism plays - what it eats and what eats it
Population	The group one type of organism
Predator	The organism that does the hunting
Prey	The organism that gets eaten
Sun	The source of all energy for every ecosystem
Consumer	Organisms that can not make their own food
Community	The groups of all populations in an ecosystem (different species)