

**organism**

**an individual plant or  
animal**

**population**

**a group of the same kind of  
individuals living in the  
same ecosystem**

**community**

**all the populations that live  
in the same place**

**ecosystem**

**all living and nonliving  
things in an area**

**biome**

**a large region of Earth that has  
a certain climate and types of  
living things.**

(tundra, aquatics, forests, grasslands, deserts)

**abiotic**

**the nonliving parts of an  
ecosystem**

ex: water, sunlight, air, and soil

**biotic**

**the living parts of an ecosystem**

'bio' means life

ex: plants provide food for animals

**climate**

**average weather over  
many years**

## **diversity**

biodiversity

**the number of different kinds  
of living things**

ex: the variety of life in a particular habitat  
or ecosystem

## **natural resources**

**materials or substances that  
occur in nature and can be used  
for economic gain**

ex: minerals, forests, water, fertile land

## **pollution**

**harmful substances mixing  
with water, air, or soil**

ex: oil, chemicals, fertilizers

## **habitat restoration**

**returning a natural  
environment to its original  
condition**

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