

Each ecosystem is made up of living and non-living things that interact and depend on each other for life. Some examples of ecosystems are deserts, tropical rainforests, and grasslands.



Key vocabulary

community

A group of living things that interact in an ecosystem.

ecology

The study of the relationship between plants, animals, and their environment.

ecosystem

A community of animals and plants interacting with their environment.

population

A group of one or more species living in a certain habitat.

niche

A habitat that is suitable for a particular plant or animal to live. Or, the part that a plant or animal plays in an ecosystem.

habitat

The place or natural conditions in which a plant or animal lives.

biotic

Related to or produced by living organisms.

abiotic

Related to non-living, physical or chemical factors in the environment.



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