

Vocabulary



daphnia a tiny animal related to shrimp that lives in fresh water
Daphnia are also called “water fleas” because they seem to jump around. Many organisms in freshwater habitats eat daphnia.

ecosystem all the living and nonliving things that interact with each other in an environment
Living things in an ecosystem include plants and animals. Nonliving things in an ecosystem include sunlight, soil, water, and air.

habitat the place where an organism lives
Aquatic habitats may be in the salty ocean or in freshwater lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams. Terrestrial habitats are on land.

organism a living thing
Some organisms are very small, such as daphnia. Others are very big, such as whales. All living things are made of cells.

population all the organisms of the same type that live in the same place at the same time
A population includes only living things. You and all the other people in your area make up a population of humans.