

Biodiversity

The variety of life in a habitat, ecosystem, or world.



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Ecosystem

A community of all the living and nonliving things in an environment.

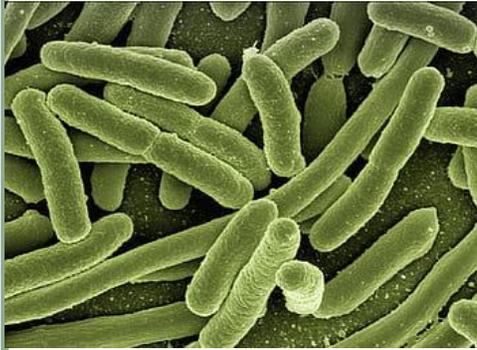


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Relationship

Organisms are connected to each other in an ecosystem.





Organism

An individual animal, plant, or single-celled life form.



Producer

Green plants that make their own food.



Consumer

An animal that eats plants and/or other animals.



Decomposer

Living thing that breaks down dead plants or animals, returning the nutrients to the soil.



Carnivore

An animal that eats only meat.



Herbivore

An animal that eats only plants.





Omnivore

An animal that eats both plants and animals.



Interaction

The relationship of two or more organisms in a community that results in a flow of energy.

