
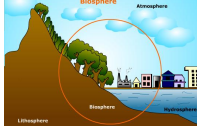
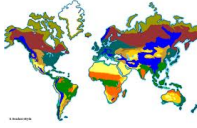
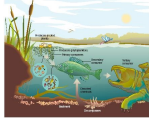








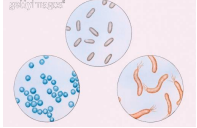


ECOLOGY VOCABULARY

WORD	DEFINITION
 <p>ecology</p>	study of the relationships of living things to one another & to their environment
 <p>biosphere</p>	part of the Earth (crust, water & air) where living things exist
 <p>biome</p>	large areas on Earth with a distinct climate, plant population & animal population
 <p>ecosystem</p>	group of organisms that live in an area, along with their non-living surroundings
 <p>abiotic</p> 	non-living; never alive
 <p>biotic</p> 	living or once alive
 <p>organism</p>	any living thing
 <p>producer</p>	organism that makes its own food
 <p>consumer</p>	organism that can't make its own food; it has to eat other organisms to get energy
 <p>decomposer</p> 	organism that breaks down dead organisms & waste into nutrients