

Spelling list: GCSE Geography: Ecosystems

Key words for GCSE Geography.

abiotic	Abiotic things are non living components of an ecosystem such as rock or water.
biotic	Biotic things are the living organisms within an ecosystem.
chain	In a food chain , nutrients and energy are passed upwards from one organism to the next.
consumer	A consumer is a creature that eats other animals and / or plants.
cycling	Nutrient cycling is the cycling of minerals from soil and water up through the food chain before returning to the soil and water.
decomposer	A decomposer is an organism such as fungus, that breaks down dead tissue in an ecosystem.
ecosystem	An ecosystem refers to a natural environment and the flora, fauna and bacteria that live in it.
food	A food chain shows how each living thing in an ecosystem gets their food .
global	An example of a global ecosystem is a tropical rainforest or a desert.
nutrient	Nutrient cycling is the cycling of minerals from soil and water up through the food chain before returning to the soil and water.
producer	A producer is an organism that absorbs energy from the sun through photosynthesis.
web	A food web is a complex system of plants and animals relying on one another for food.