

## Spelling list: GCSE Geography: Ecosystems

Key words for GCSE Geography.

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