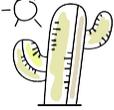


Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecosystems Study Guide

Land-related ecosystems	Plants	Animals
<p>desert An ecosystem that gets very little rainfall. Animals that live in deserts are usually active at night.</p>	<p>cactus</p> 	<p>camel, snakes</p>
<p>grassland An ecosystem made up of large, flat areas of land covered with grass.</p>	<p>tall grasses, shrubs</p> 	<p>cheetahs, zebras, lions, giraffes</p>
<p>tropical rainforest An ecosystem made up of a forest growing in a hot, wet, rainy place. The trees grow tall and their leaves remain green all year.</p>	<p>tall trees that cover the forest, kapok trees</p> 	<p>snakes, toucan, birds, monkeys</p>
<p>deciduous forest: An ecosystem made of a forest of trees that lose and regrow their leaves each year</p>	<p>grasses and trees oak tree, walnut trees</p> 	<p>bears, deer, rabbits, beavers</p>
<p>coniferous forest An ecosystem with forests of trees that form their seeds in a cone and with leaves that look like needles. Trees in this ecosystem are “evergreen.”</p>	<p>Pine trees, spruce trees</p> 	<p>owls, bobcats, moose</p>

Water- related environments	Plants	Animals
<p>freshwater An ecosystem made of water with very little salt in it. Examples: rivers, lakes, ponds, and streams</p>	<p>Grasses, water lilies, cattails</p> 	<p>ducks, frogs, turtles, beavers,</p>
<p>saltwater An ecosystem that contains water that has a lot of salt. Examples: oceans and seas</p>	<p>Seaweed, coral</p> 	<p>Large fish, dolphin, shark, crab</p>

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Aquatic Ecosystem - An ecosystem in or near a body of water

Terrestrial Ecosystem - An ecosystem found only on landforms

Habitat - Provides a population with all its needs; area in an ecosystem where a population of animals lives

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