

Section 1.2

Ecosystems

Before You Read



1. Words to Know

Directions: Match the correct definition to the term on the left.
Scan pages 34 – 48 to find the definitions.

| Words to Know | Definition |
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| ___ commensalism | A. a symbiotic relationship in which both organisms benefit |
| ___ competition | B. includes the way in which the organism contributes to and fits into its environment |
| ___ ecosystem | C. a symbiotic relationship in which one species benefits and the other is harmed |
| ___ mutualism | D. interaction between two or more organisms that can occur when they compete for the same resource |
| ___ niche | E. abiotic components such as oxygen, water, nutrients, light, and soil interacting with biotic components such as plants, animals, and micro-organisms |
| ___ parasitism | F. a symbiotic relationship in which, one species benefits and the other species is not helped or harmed |
| ___ predation | G. an interaction in which one organism eats all or part of another organism |

2. Predicting the Main Ideas of Section 1.2

Directions: Scan pages 34 – 48 looking at the pictures and titles within this section. Predict five things you think you will learn in this section.

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