

Skills Worksheet

Vocabulary Review

In the space provided, write the letter of the description that best matches each term.

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| _____ 1. population | a. critical species in an ecosystem that affects the survival of a number of other species |
| _____ 2. carrying capacity | b. a relationship in which both participating species benefit |
| _____ 3. predation | c. the entire range of conditions an organism is potentially able to occupy |
| _____ 4. coevolution | d. the largest population that an environment can support at any given time |
| _____ 5. parasitism | e. back-and-forth evolutionary adjustments between interacting members of an ecosystem |
| _____ 6. symbiosis | f. two or more species living together in a close, long-term relationship |
| _____ 7. mutualism | g. the unique position occupied by a species in an ecosystem |
| _____ 8. commensalism | h. one organism feeds on and usually lives on or in another larger organism |
| _____ 9. niche | i. the elimination of a competing species |
| _____ 10. fundamental niche | j. the part of its fundamental niche that a species occupies |
| _____ 11. realized niche | k. a relationship in which one species benefits and the other is neither harmed nor helped |
| _____ 12. competitive exclusion | l. a group of organisms of the same species that live together in one place at the same time |
| _____ 13. keystone species | m. the act of one organism killing another organism for food |