

Living things and the environment

An organism (living thing) obtains food, water, shelter, and other things it needs to survive from its environment.

A habitat is an environment that provides the things an organism needs to live, grow, and reproduce.

A species is a group of organisms capable of producing fertile offspring.

A population includes all the members of one species in a particular area.

Communities are all the different populations that live together in an area.

An ecosystem is made up of the living organisms along with the nonliving surroundings.