

VOCABULARY:

ADAPTATION

When an animal or person changes to survive better in its environment

CHARACTERISTIC

A trait that belongs to a person, place, or thing that helps identify it

ECOSYSTEM

Community of living things in their environment

EVOLUTION

Process of living things developing and adapting to their environment

DIVERSITY

When there are differences or mixtures of traits

NATURAL SELECTION

When the living things that adapt survive and pass on their adaptations

OFFSPRING

A living thing's child or children

ORGANISM

A living thing

PREDATOR & PREY

When one living thing (predator) hunts and eats another (prey)

SPECIES

A group of living things that share genetic characteristics

TRAIT

Like a characteristic, a trait helps describe the person, place, or thing