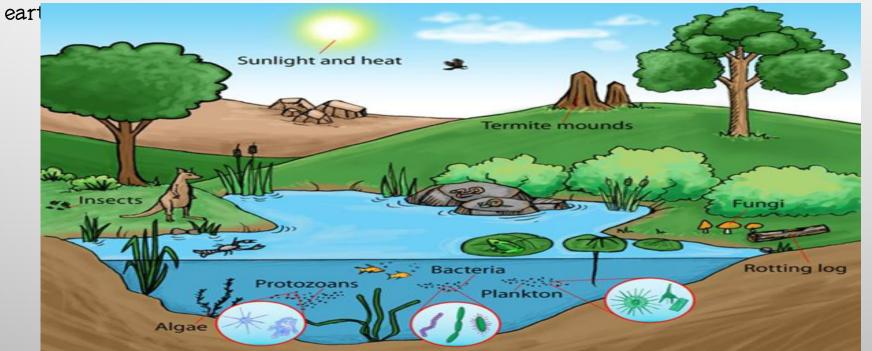


E-Content

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ECOSYSTEM

A complex relationship between all the living and nonliving things (plants, animals, organisms, sun, water, climate etc) interact with each other is known as 'an ecosystem'. Ecosystems are the foundation of 'biosphere' And maintain the natural balance of the

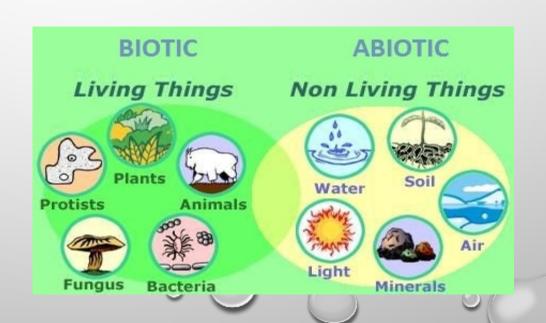


COMPONENTS OF THE ECOSYSTEM

The components of an ecosystem are divided into abiotic components, that include all nonliving components such as minerals, climate, soil, water, sunlight and biotic components, that include all the living components. These components together make up for the flow of energy in the ecosystem and the nutrient cycle in the ecosystem.

TYPES OF BIOTIC COMPONENTS-

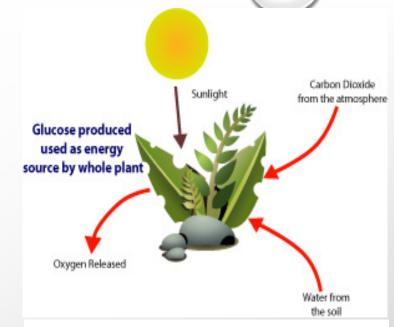
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- > Consumers
- > Decomposers

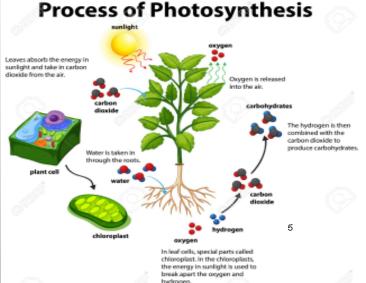


PRODUCERS:

These are food suppliers to all plants and green trees which are termed as producers. For example-

- · All green plants and trees take carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, water from the soil, and sunlight from the sun.
- The plants undergo a chemical reaction and it is also known as photosynthesis.
- · During photosynthesis, plants liberate oxygen into an environment which is essential for life.
- The below equation explains about the photosynthesis reaction and liberation of oxygen.



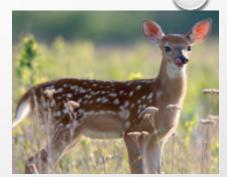


CONSUMERS: Consumers are classified into four groups and they are

Primary consumers: They depend only on plants for their food and they are called as herbivores. The examples of it are insects, flies, deer, and rabbit.







Secondary consumers: These are the animals which depend on herbivores for their food.

The examples of it are frog, lizard, fish, and snake













Tertiary consumers: Wild animals like tiger, lion, and fox feed on the animals and they are called as carnivores.

Omnivores: Human beings are classified as omnivores and they feed on plants and animals.







DECOMPOSERS:



- · Decomposers feed on the dead t convert them back as nutrients into the soil.
- · Termites, ants and some other bacteria are called as decomposers.
- · Animals such as frog, dog, wolf, and eagles are termed as decomposers
- · The decomposers not only act as scavengers to clean the dead bodies

also serves as parasites, participate to clean the ecological cycles.



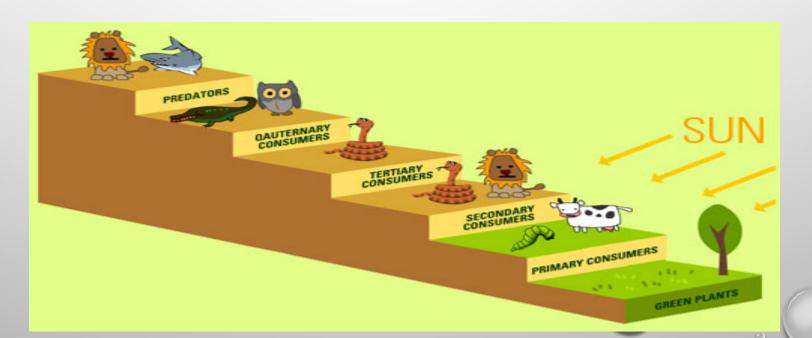




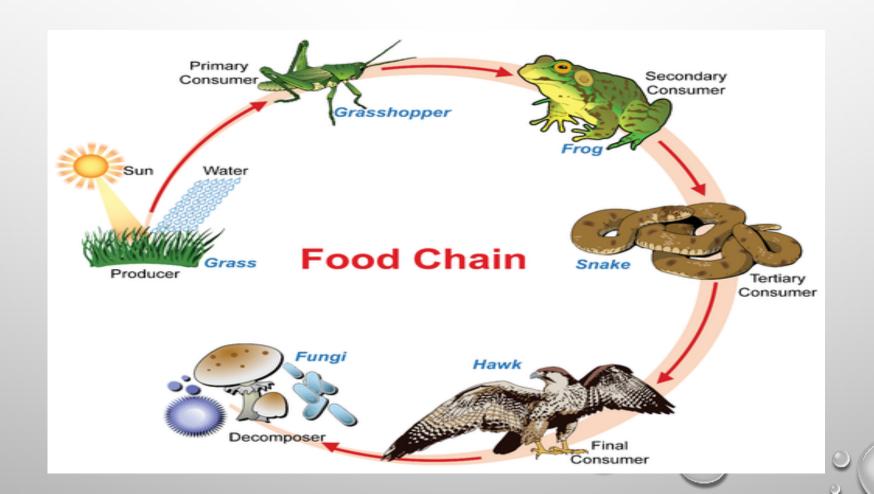


TROPHIC LEVELS, FOOD CHAIN AND FOOD WEB

- · The nutritive levels in a food chain are known as **trophic levels**. The organisms in the trophic levels of the food chain are categorized based on their feeding patterns.
- · A trophic level is composed of organisms that make a living in the same way, that is they are all *primary producers* (plants), *primary consumers* (herbivores) or *secondary consumers* (carnivores).



FOOD CHAIN: Shows that how matter and energy moves through an ecosystem.



FOOD WEB: Show all possible feding relationship in a community at each trophic level. It represents a network of interconnected food chains.

