



Vocabulary List

Desert	An area that receives little rain or snowfall.
Ecology	The way living things live together on their home, the earth.
Environment	All the things and conditions that surround a person, plant, or animal and affect the health, growth, and development of these living things.
Farming	The act of raising crops and animals.
Forest	A thick growth of trees covering a sizeable area of land.
Habitat	The place where an animal or plant is normally found.
Harvest	The act of gathering a crop when it becomes ripe.
Laws	Rules that tell people what they cannot, or sometimes what they can, do.
Logging	To cut down trees to make lumber.
Mining	The work of digging minerals or ores from the earth.
Mountain	A part of the earth's surface that rises high above the surrounding area.
Natural resources	Things found in nature that are useful to human beings in various ways.
Ocean	The large bodies of salt water that cover 2/3 of the earth's surface.
Plain	A large stretch of essentially flat land.
Pollution	The process of releasing wastes or poisons into the land, air, or water.
Raw materials	Objects as they exist in nature, not changed by humans.
Swamp	An ecosystem in an area of wet, spongy land.
U.S. Congress	The group of people elected to make the nation's laws.
Vanishing species	A plant or animal that is extinct or on the verge of extinction.