carnivore

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compete

To use or try to use the same food, water, habitat, or other resources.

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An organism that gets its energy by eating other animals.

consumer

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disrupt

To stop or interrupt the usual way something works.

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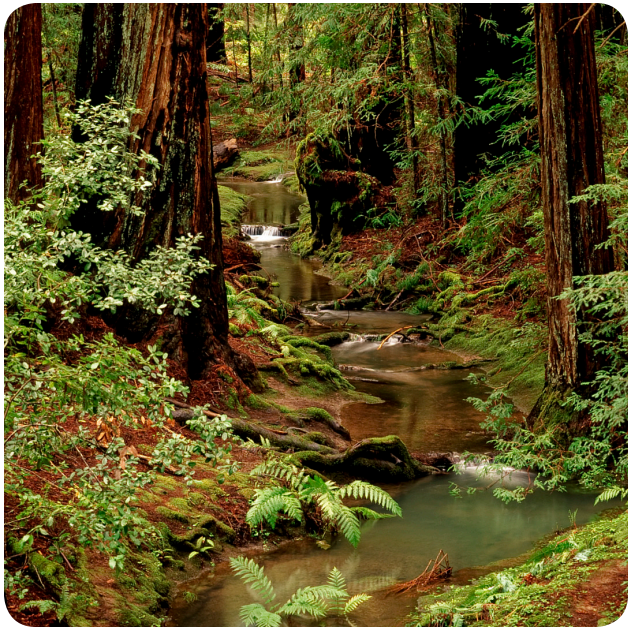
An organism that gets energy and matter by eating other organisms; to use goods produced by natural or human social systems; or, one who uses energy resources.



ecosystem

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food chain

The order of feeding among organisms, such as a mouse eating seeds and an owl eating a mouse.

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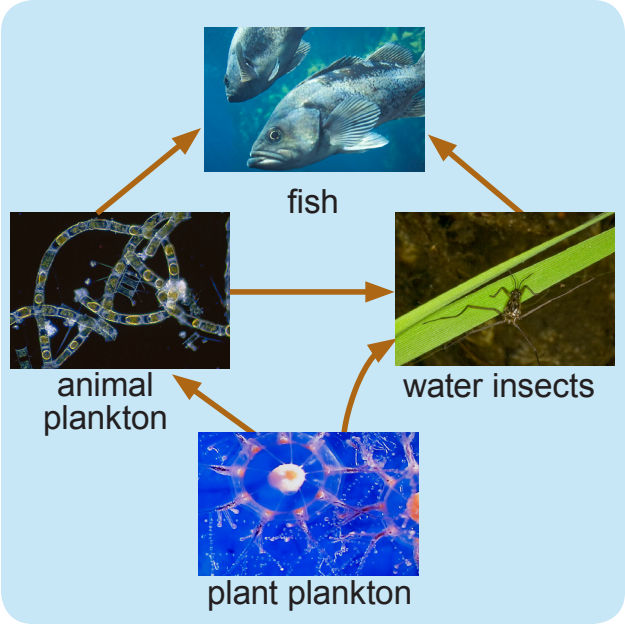
A community of plants, animals, and their surroundings that depend on each other.



food web

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herbivore

An organism that gets energy from the matter in plants and other producers.

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A group of connected food chains in an ecosystem.

marine

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omnivore

An organism that gets energy and matter by eating both plants and animals.

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Having to do with a saltwater ecosystem, such as the ocean.

plankton

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producer

An organism (plant or alga) that converts light energy to chemical energy stored in carbohydrates.

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Plants and animals that swim weakly or drift with currents in fresh or salt water.

range

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The entire region in which an organism or ecosystem is naturally found.

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