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All the populations of different species living in the same area.

All the organisms of one species living in the same area.

A community together with the non-living (abiotic) parts of its environment.

The place where an organism lives.

To avoid bias, so the sample is representative.

Sampling the organisms in a small, known area, so the population size of a larger area can be estimated.

The percentage of the quadrat covered by a species. Used where individuals are hard to count, such as grass.

Mean number per quadrat $\times$ (total area $\div$ area of one quadrat).

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What is an abiotic factor? Give two examples.

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What is a biotic factor? Give two examples.

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What do plants compete for?

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On a predator-prey graph, which peak comes first?

Feeding relationships

What is a trophic level?

Feeding relationships

What are producers?

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Name the trophic levels after producers.

Feeding relationships

What do decomposers do?

A living factor, for example competition or predation.

A non-living factor, for example temperature, light or water.

The prey peak. The predator peak comes after it, because predator numbers rise only once there is more prey to eat.

Light, water, mineral ions and space.

Organisms, usually plants and algae, that make glucose by photosynthesis. They are the first trophic level.

The position of an organism in a food chain.
Producers are level 1.

Break down dead plants, animals and waste by secreting enzymes. Small soluble molecules then diffuse in.

Primary consumers, secondary consumers and tertiary consumers.

Feeding relationships

Which way do the arrows in a food chain point?

Feeding relationships

What is a food web?

Feeding relationships

What does a pyramid of biomass show?

Feeding relationships

Why can a pyramid of number be inverted?

Feeding relationships

What does a pyramid of energy transfer show?

Feeding relationships

What passes along a food chain?

Feeding relationships

What percentage of energy is transferred to the next trophic level?

Feeding relationships

Give three reasons energy is lost between trophic levels.

A diagram of all the linked food chains in a habitat.

From the food to the organism that eats it.

It counts organisms but ignores size, so one large producer such as a tree can support many small consumers.

The mass of living material at each trophic level. It almost always narrows at each higher level.

Energy and substances, such as carbon compounds, when each organism is eaten.

The energy transferred to each trophic level in a given time. It is always pyramid-shaped.

Parts not eaten or not digested (faeces), heat from respiration and movement, and waste such as urine.

About 10%.

Feeding relationships

Why are food chains limited in length?

Feeding relationships

How do you calculate percentage of energy transferred?

Cycles within ecosystems

Which process removes carbon dioxide from the air in the carbon cycle?

Cycles within ecosystems

Name three ways carbon dioxide is returned to the air.

Cycles within ecosystems

Why are decomposers important in the carbon cycle?

Cycles within ecosystems

What is combustion?

Human influences on the environment

How does sulfur dioxide cause acid rain?

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Give two effects of acid rain.

Energy transferred to the next level ÷
energy available at the previous level × 100.

Too little energy is left after each transfer to
support more trophic levels.

Respiration, decomposition and
combustion.

Photosynthesis, by plants and algae.

Burning of fuels such as wood, coal, oil and
gas, which releases carbon dioxide.

They break down dead material and waste
and release carbon dioxide by respiration.

It lowers the pH of lakes, killing fish, and
damages tree leaves and washes minerals
from the soil.

It dissolves in rain water to form an acidic
solution.

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How is carbon monoxide formed?

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Why is carbon monoxide poisonous?

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Name the five greenhouse gases in the spec.

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Give a human source of methane.

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Give a human source of carbon dioxide.

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Give a human source of nitrous oxide and of CFCs.

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What is the enhanced greenhouse effect?

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Give two possible consequences of global warming.

It combines with haemoglobin, so the blood carries less oxygen to the tissues.

By incomplete combustion of carbon-containing fuels.

Cattle, rice paddy fields or landfill sites.

Water vapour, carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, methane and CFCs.

Nitrous oxide: fertilisers. CFCs: refrigerators and aerosols.

Burning fossil fuels, or burning forests during deforestation.

Melting ice and rising sea levels; changes in weather patterns and species distribution.

Extra warming because human activities increase greenhouse gases, which absorb more infrared radiation and send it back to Earth.

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Why does sewage pollution kill fish?

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Why is sewage in water a risk to human health?

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What is eutrophication?

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What is leaching?

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What causes the death of fish in eutrophication?

It contains pathogens that cause diseases such as cholera and typhoid.

Decomposers feeding on the sewage use up the oxygen in the water.

Dissolved minerals being washed out of the soil by rain.

Over-enrichment of water with minerals, such as nitrates leached from fertiliser, leading to loss of oxygen and death of aquatic life.

Decomposers feeding on dead plants and algae use up the oxygen in the water.