

# Key Vocabulary: Web of Life

Complete this worksheet to demonstrate your understanding of key terms used in this lesson. You may think of a forest as a collection of trees, but a forest actually is made up of many different animals, plants, and other organisms that interact with and depend on each other. The entire

ecosystem is a complex web composed of its living and non-living parts and their interactions. Learn about ecosystem interactions by drawing lines to connect the vocabulary term on the left with the picture that matches it best on the right. The first one has been done for you.

**Carnivore**

An animal that eats other animals.

**Decomposer**

An organism that eats dead material and causes it to break down.

**Ecosystem**

A community of living things interacting with their environment.

**Food chain**

The order in which animals feed on plants and on other animals.

**Photosynthesis**

The process by which plants make food from sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide.

**Food web**

All the connected food chains in an ecosystem.

**Herbivore**

An animal that eats plants.

