

3rd Grade Science Vocabulary Study Sheet 3

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| 1. variation | Any difference between organisms of the same species. |
| 2. petrified | Turned to stone. |
| 3. fossil | A preserved remnant or impression of an organism that lived in the past. |
| 4. ecosystem | A system composed of organisms and nonliving components of an environment. |
| 5. decomposer | An organism that breaks down wastes and dead organisms. |
| 6. food chain | The sequence of transfers of matter and energy in the form of food from organism to organism. |
| 7. habitat | Place where an organism lives. |
| 8. aquatic habitat | Marine, freshwater, or wetland where plants and animals live. |
| 9. marine habitat | A habitat where animals live in water that contains salt. |
| 10. freshwater habitats | Include lakes and ponds, rivers, streams, springs, and wetlands. |
| 11. atmosphere | Layers of air surrounding Earth. |
| 12. precipitation | Any form of water that falls from clouds and reaches Earth's surface. |
| 13. wind | Air in motion. |
| 14. investigate | Observe, study, or make a detailed examination, in order to learn facts. |
| 15. observation | The act of noticing and describing something in a careful way. |