

Science Puzzles 10-11

Life and Living



Definition	What's the word?	Answers
The mixture of gases in the atmosphere that living things breath to live and grow.		air
A living thing that produces food.		producer
Who eats who.		food chain
A living thing that eats other living things.		consumer
A living thing that can grow by making its own food.		plant
Illness caused by the spread of germs.		disease
A microbe that spreads diseases.		germ
They range in size from the single-celled organism we know as yeast to the largest known living organism on Earth, a 3.5-mile-wide mushroom.		fungus
All the conditions of light, temperature, water, air and soil that make up a habitat.		environment
Type of microbe that reproduces by invading cells of other organisms.		virus
Can be added to soil to give plants the nutrients they need to grow.		fertiliser
The parts of the plant that make the food for the plant to live and grow.		leaves
Some animals eat plants for ----, while some animals eat meat as well.		food
Used by fungi for reproduction.		spores
Energy from the Sun that helps green plants to grow.		light
The part of the plant that anchors it to the ground and takes up nutrients and water from the soil.		roots
Process by which plant and animal materials are broken down by micro-organisms.		decomposition
Type of fungus associated with rotting food.		mould
A living thing that preys on and eats other living things.		predator
Many of us know of these only as "germs", invisible single cell creatures.		bacteria

Teacher's notes - Use this resource sheet in a number of ways:

1. As a worksheet/assessment sheet - Cut off or fold back the answers. Ask the pupils to identify each definition then check their answers against the answer strip.
2. As a reference sheet - Encourage the pupils to use the definitions and answers to design their own crossword or wordsearch on squared paper.