Vocabulary

Lesson: How could a fish feed a forest?

carbon cycle	the process of carbon moving back and forth between non-living and living parts of the environment, like carbon dioxide moving into plants
carbon dioxide	a type of gas that plants are able to take in and that animals release when they breathe
consumer	a living thing that eats other living things
cycle	a set of events that repeats in the same order over and over
decomposer	a living thing that can break down dead plants, dead animals, or animal waste
ecosystem	all the living things that interact with each other and their environment in one place
environment	a living thing's surroundings, including other living things and non-living parts like soil, water, and air
gas	a state of matter, such as carbon dioxide in the air
matter	anything that takes up space and has weight; can be in different forms such as solid, liquid, or gas
matter cycle	the process of matter moving back and forth between non-living and living parts of the environment, like between air and plants
model	a pretend version of something that scientists use when the real thing is too big, small, or complicated to work with
nutrient (micronutrient)	a substance that living things need to grow and stay healthy
producer	a living thing that makes its own food
soil	found on the Earth's surface; made of tiny rocks and material from dead plants and animals