

## Lesson: Where do fallen leaves go?

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<b>bacteria</b>	an organism that is usually a decomposer; some cause illness
<b>compost</b>	decomposed material that can be used as fertilizer
<b>decompose</b>	the process of breaking down dead plants, dead animals, or animal waste
<b>decomposer</b>	a living thing that can break down dead plants, dead animals, or animal waste
<b>environment</b>	a living thing's surroundings, including other living things and non-living parts like soil, water, and air
<b>evidence</b>	Information that can be used to support or reject an idea
<b>fungus (fungi)</b>	a living thing that is a decomposer, such as a mold or mushroom
<b>matter</b>	anything that takes up space and has weight; can be in different forms such as solid, liquid, or gas
<b>microscope</b>	a tool used to see very tiny things up close
<b>model</b>	a pretend version of something that scientists use when the real thing is too big, small, or complicated to work with
<b>mold</b>	a type of fungus that often decomposes food
<b>mushroom</b>	a type of fungus that usually has a stalk and cap
<b>organism</b>	any living thing
<b>soil</b>	found on the Earth's surface; made of tiny rocks and material from dead plants and animals