Vocabulary

mystery science

Lesson: Where do fallen leaves go?

compost	decayed plant material that can be used as fertilizer
control	something in an experiment that you do not change
decompose	the process of breaking down dead living things
decomposer	a living thing that can break down dead living things
experiment	a test used to discover new information about a question
fungus	a living thing that is a decomposer and has spores, such as a mold or mushroom
mold	a type of fungus that often decomposes food
mushroom	a type of fungus that usually has a stalk and cap
predict	to guess what will happen based on things you know
soil	covers the Earth's surface; made of tiny rocks and material from dead plants and animals
spore	a part of a fungus that contains the offspring, similar to the seed of a plant
variable	something that you can change in an experiment in order to test an idea