# Vocabulary

mystery science

## Lesson: How can we protect Earth's environments?

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| **advantage** | something that is good or increases the chances of success |
| **algae** | organisms that live in water and that produce their own food, like plants do |
| **algae bloom** | a quick increase in the amount of algae growing in an area |
| **disadvantage** | something that is bad or reduces the chances of success |
| **environment** | a living thing's surroundings, including other living things and non-living parts like soil, water, and air |
| **fertilizer** | a material that contains nutrients to help plants grow |
| **nutrient (micronutrient)** | a substance that living things need to grow and stay healthy |
| **oxygen** | a type of gas that plants release and animals breathe in |
| **runoff** | water that moves across a surface, often carrying materials with it, and flows into drains and rivers |