

**Vocabulary****Primary Level**

<i>adaptation</i>	a change over time in an organism's structure or function that helps it better survive in its environment
<i>aquatic</i>	growing in or near water
<i>climate</i>	the rainfall, light, temperature, wind, and other weather elements that are normal to an area
<i>desert</i>	a region with less than 25 cm (5 inches) of rainfall each year, usually with extremes in temperature and having very few but highly adapted plants
<i>environment</i>	the physical and biological conditions around a plant or an animal, such as, amount of space in which to live, climate, other plants and animals, etc.
<i>habitat</i>	the natural environment in which a plant or animal lives
<i>jungle</i>	an impenetrable thicket or tangled mass of vegetation in tropical areas, usually weedy growth where the original forest was felled—this is not a good biological term and is more appropriate to Tarzan movies
<i>nutrient</i>	a necessary ingredient for a plant's growth and survival, such as, nitrogen or potassium
<i>root</i>	part of a plant that generally grows downward into the soil, anchoring the plant and gathering nutrients and water
<i>tropical rain forest</i>	an evergreen, broadleaf forest that develops in areas near the Equator with a climate of high temperature, humidity, and rainfall, and no distinct seasons; characterized by a high biological diversity, productivity, and several layers of trees and plants
<i>vegetation</i>	the plant cover of an area