



# WHAT ARE AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS?



3 COMPLETE the text using these words.

relationships

water

surface

community

An ecosystem is a \_\_\_\_\_ of living things that live in a particular place and the \_\_\_\_\_ between them.

An aquatic ecosystem is an ecosystem in \_\_\_\_\_.

Aquatic ecosystems cover a lot of the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.



4 CIRCLE the factors that affect aquatic ecosystems the most.

salt

algae

sunlight

relief

temperature

soil

5 CIRCLE the correct words in these sentences about freshwater ecosystems.

- Freshwater ecosystems are classified by the **amount / movement** of the water.
- The water in freshwater ecosystems has very little **salt / algae**.
- In a river, the water flows fast at the **mouth / source**, where the river starts.
- Ponds, lakes and reservoirs have **still / flowing** water.

6 MATCH the type of saltwater ecosystem.

- It is deep. Sunlight only reaches the areas close to the surface.
- These areas are shallow and have a lot of light.
- There are unicellular algae in the areas with light.
- Sunlight can reach the algae on the seabed.

coast

open sea

