

WORKSHEET

ECOSYSTEM

Lesson 1 • What is an ecosystem?

1 Which word is correct? Read the definitions. Circle the right answer.

- 1 When living and nonliving parts of an environment interact, this is called a(n) **wetland** / **ecosystem**.
- 2 The place where a living thing makes its home is its **habitat** / **population**.
- 3 All the living things of the same kind that live in the same place make up a **group** / **population**.
- 4 All the different populations that live in the same place make up a **community** / **family**.
- 5 A living or nonliving thing does something. This makes a difference to another living or nonliving thing. The verb we use to describe this is **attract** / **interact**.
- 6 When one thing needs another thing to help it live and grow, we say that it **depends on** / **shelters** it.

2 Ecosystems. Read the notes and complete with words in bold from 1. You must use the plural of some nouns and change the form of a verb.

- Different living things make their homes in different (1) _____.
- The type of the land and the climate create different (2) _____. The living and nonliving things that we find in a desert are different from those that we find in a rain forest.
- We find large (3) _____ of the same living things in one place because the conditions are right for them.
- Living things cannot survive alone. They (4) _____ on nonliving things and also on other living things in their (5) _____.
- Because they share the same environment, living and nonliving things (6) _____ with one another. For example, big trees give birds shelter. The fish in a river are food for meat-eating animals.

