

DECOMPOSERS

1. **Exploring Science: Read page 74 and decide whether these statements are TRUE OR FALSE:**

- a) Mushrooms are consumers.
- b) Mushrooms get their energy from dead leaves, wood and animals.
- c) Mushrooms are an example of decomposers.
- d) Animals are decomposers too.
- e) Dead organisms are part of decomposers' food.
- f) There are two types of decomposers: fungi and bacteria.
- g) When a plant or an animal dies, it is broken into very small pieces by decomposers.
- h) When a mushroom breaks down dead organisms, it recycles nutrients.
- i) Nutrients go back to the soil.
- j) Nutrients from decomposers help plants to die.
- k) Nutrients from decomposers help plants to grow.



Decomposers' Role in the Food Web

