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## Relationships in an Ecosystem

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the word bank and your textbook to fill in the blanks. Then, find the words in the word search!

Living things are affected by different \_\_\_\_\_ in the environment, for example, water, \_\_\_\_\_, and soil. Living things can also \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to their environment.

Living things can be:

- \_\_\_\_\_: Organisms that produce their own food, like plants and \_\_\_\_\_
- Consumers: Organisms that feed on other living things, like \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_: Organisms that feed on dead animals
- Decomposers: Organisms that \_\_\_\_\_ dead plants and animals

Feeding relationships in ecosystems can be shown with food chains and \_\_\_\_\_.

Other relationships among living things can be beneficial, like \_\_\_\_\_ and commensalism, or harmful, like \_\_\_\_\_ and competition.



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