

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Science: Ecosystems

**Use your notes to fill in the blanks. Drag the answer from the box below.**

Corals, forest, Andros, octopus, food, pine trees, crabs,  
ecosystem, habitats, pine forests, grass, coral reefs,  
mangroves, bushes, raccoons, sea eggs, storms

An \_\_\_\_\_ is a place where living things and nonliving things interact and depend on each other.

There are many different types of ecosystems. Some examples of ecosystems include \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

A \_\_\_\_\_ is an area in which the main plants are trees. In a pine forest there are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, ferns and \_\_\_\_\_. Animals such as \_\_\_\_\_, birds, snakes, live there. When pine forests are cut or burned, it can destroy \_\_\_\_\_ causing animals to leave an area and plants that grow there disappear.

Coral reefs are made up of the rocky skeletons of many tiny animals called \_\_\_\_\_. Coral reefs provide homes for many marine animals such as fish, \_\_\_\_\_, crawfish, conchs, \_\_\_\_\_ or sea urchins, sponges, starfish and \_\_\_\_\_. Coral reefs provide protection from \_\_\_\_\_ by breaking up the force of waves before they reach the shoreline. Coral reefs are a great source of \_\_\_\_\_ for marine life and they also serve as tourist attractions. The third largest barrier coral reef in the world is found in waters off \_\_\_\_\_.