



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.

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

6 MATCH the type of saltwater ecosystem.

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

coast

open sea

