

Factors of our Environment

Biotic are living factors include:

- Plants
 - Animals
 - Dead organisms & Waste Products
(came from living at one time)
- } organisms

Abiotic are nonliving factors that affect other living things:

- Air
- Water
- Soil
- Rocks
- Light
- Temperature
- Climate



Name: _____
Hour: _____

Abiotic vs Biotic Factors



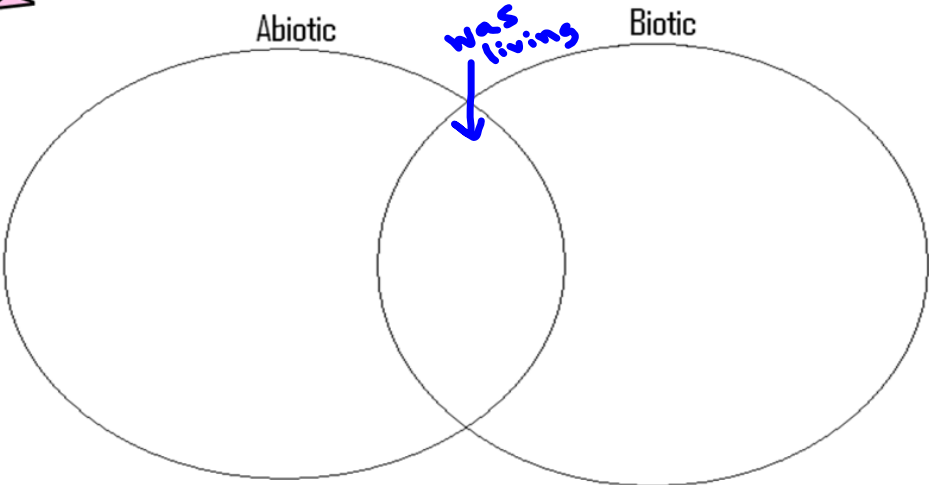
What is the definition of an abiotic factor?

What is the definition of a biotic factor?

Enter the items from the following list into a Venn diagram.
In the center place what contains both biotic and abiotic factors.



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whale• Mushroom• Water• Desert• Paper• Glass• Temperature• Coral• Sand | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clouds• Snail• Steak• Athletes Foot• Salad• Mold• Grass• Hair | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ocean• Tree• Rocks• Dirt• Gold• Plastic• Grapes• Oxygen• Tundra |
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Deeper level thinking...

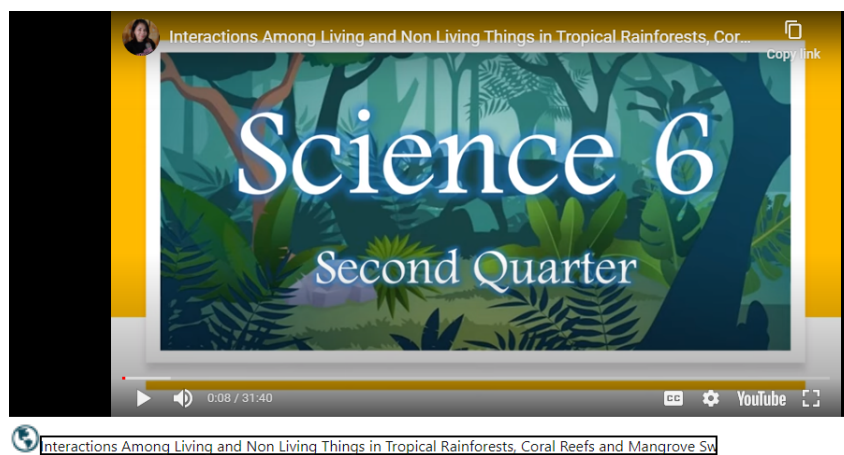
All biotic and abiotic factors are interrelated. In nature you will find that if one factor is changed or removed, it impacts the availability of other resources within the system. Knowing this, give an example of what might happen given the following situations.

In the areas with the open space place either an **A** for **abiotic** or **B** for **biotic** to identify what the object is.

1. All of the rocks () are removed from a desert ecosystem, what would happen to the population of rock dwelling lizards () and in turn the animals which eat them.

2. A ten mile area of trees () is removed from the tropical rainforest. How will this affect the amount amount of water () and the amount of oxygen () in the area?

[Interactions Among Living and Non Living Things in Tropical Rainforests, Coral Reefs and Mangrove Sw - YouTube](#)



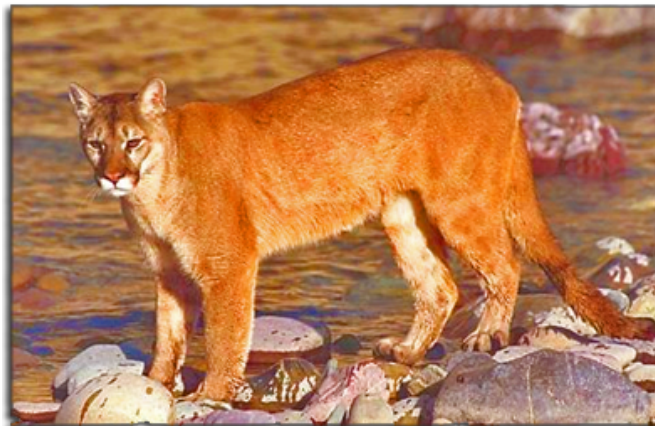
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Scientists classify organisms and assign each one a universally accepted name.

- Scientists classify because it is an **organized way to communicate** about the same organism all over the world. A classification system was developed because:
- Scientists once communicated about organisms by using common names.
- Common names can vary among languages and geographical regions.

Ex: Mountain lion, puma, cougar, and panther are all **common names for the same organism**. It would be confusing for scientists to communicate across the world about an organism only using common names.



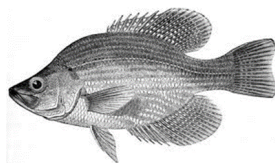
There are many **tree frogs** but **only one** with the scientific name *Agalychnis callidryas*.



Scientists over time have developed a naming system that they all understand using binomial nomenclature

Early classification systems

- Aristotle grouped everything into simple groups such as animal or plant
- Then later grouped animals according to how they moved, if they had live young or laid eggs, and so on...



The modern classification system :

Developed by Carolus Linnaeus

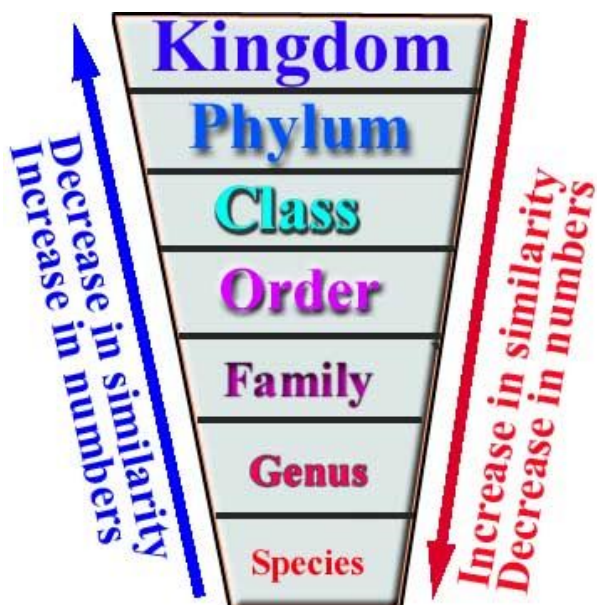
Consists of 7 levels:

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| • Kingdom | • Family |
| • Phylum | • Genus |
| • Class | • Species |
| • Order | |

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Biologist group living things

Hierarchy of classifying living things



King

Philip

Came

Over

For

Green

Skittles

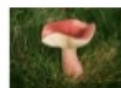
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- 1) **Kingdom**-broadest and most inclusive level that includes a group of related phyla
- 2) **Phylum**-a group of related classes
- 3) **Class**-a group of related orders
- 4) **Order**-a group of related families
- 5) **Family**-a group of related genera
- 6) **Genus**-a group of related species
- 7) **Species**-smallest and least inclusive level that names one particular type of organism

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Kingdoms

- Any grouping of organisms into kingdoms is based on several factors:
 - Presence of a nucleus
 - Unicellular or multi-cellular
 - How organisms get their food.
- Five different kingdoms of organisms are generally recognized by scientists today
 - **Protists**
 - **Monerans**
 - **Fungi**
 - **Plants**
 - **Animals**



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Kingdom Animalia



Phylum Chordata



Class Aves



Order Strigiformes



Family Strigidae







Genus *Bubo*



Species *Bubo virginianus*



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Classification Level				
Common Name	Human (?)	Canada goose	Lake darner	Mosquito
Kingdom	Animalia	Animalia	Animalia	Animalia
Phylum	Chordata	Chordata	Arthropoda	Arthropoda
Class	Mammalia	Aves	Insecta	Insecta
Order	Primate	Anseriformes	Odonata	Diptera
Family	Hominidae	Anatidae	Aeshnidae	Culicidae
Genus	<i>Homo</i>	<i>Branta</i>	<i>Aeshna</i>	<i>Aedes</i>
Species	<i>sapiens</i>	<i>canadensis</i>	<i>eremita</i>	<i>fitchii</i>

Attachments

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