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Selection Vocabulary

Focus

food chain *n.* a group of living things that form a chain in which the first living thing is eaten by the second, the second is eaten by the third, and so on

food web *n.* a group of food chains in an ecosystem that are connected

ecosystem *n.* all the living and nonliving things in a certain area

absorbs *v.* takes in

algae *n.* simple living things that are composed of one or more cells; most algae are plants that do not have roots or flowers

ridges *n.* plural of **ridge**: a raised, narrow strip

predators *n.* plural of **predator**: an animal that hunts and kills other animals for food

scavenger *n.* an animal that feeds on dead animals

omnivores *n.* plural of **omnivore**: an animal that eats both animal flesh and plants

diet *n.* the food and drink eaten by an animal

Practice

Write **C** in the blank if the selection vocabulary has been defined correctly. If it has been defined incorrectly, then, write the correct word on the line.

1. A *food chain* is the food and drink eaten by an animal. _____
2. *Predators* are animals that eat animals and plants. _____
3. A *scavenger* is an animal that feeds on dead animals. _____
4. *Diets* means "takes in." _____
5. An *ecosystem* is all the living and nonliving things in an area. _____