

climate	a region with specified weather conditions or the average weather conditions of a particular place or region
adaptations	special traits that help an organism survive in its environment
biotic	having to do with the living part of the ecosystem
camouflage	an adaptation that allows an animal to blend into its surroundings
decomposers	organisms that break down other organisms

drought

less-than-normal amount of rain or snow
over a period of time

ecosystems

communities of organisms interacting
with each other and with the nonliving
environment

environments

different sets of living and nonliving
things that surround given organisms

extinction

the condition or fact of being extinct,
the process of becoming extinct

humans

bipedal primate mammals (Homo sapiens);
man, hominids

living

having life

microorganisms

organisms that are too small to see without a microscope such as bacteria and algae

nocturnal

active at night

nonliving

never having been alive or no longer alive

oxygen

a gas that most plants and animals need to live

pollution

the act or result of polluting

reproduction

the process of creating more of the same kind of organism

shelter

a home or place that gives protection to organisms

survival

the act or fact of living or continuing longer than another person or thing

weathering

the process by which larger rocks are cracked and broken over time to form smaller rocks