

Across

- 1. when organisms use the same resources _____ occurs.
- 3. a human is a _____ they consume both autotrophs and heterotrophs.
- 4. returns water from the atmosphere to the ecosystem.
- 6. a lion is a _____ it only consumes other heterotrophs.
- 10. a hawk is often a _____ consumer because it eats a herbivore who consumed an autotroph.
- 11. Your _____ is the role you play in the ecosystem.
- 12. all the abiotic and biotic factors that interact within a given area
- 13. Bees and the flowers they pollinate are an example of _____.
- 16. Producers are always found on the 1st _____.
- 17. how water moves through the biotic and abiotic portions of the biosphere.
- 19. responsible for "fixing" and "unfixing" nitrogen in the nitrogen cycle.
- 20. process of converting carbon dioxide into sugars, used by autotrophs.
- 21. all the red maple trees in Mount Clemens is an example of a _____.
- 22. a living thing.
- 24. responsible for returning nutrients to the soil.
- 27. a deer is a _____ it must consume other things for energy.
- 28. the broadest category of classification in ecology, the total area that supports life.
- 31. Uses photosynthesis to synthesize organic molecules for energy.
- 32. an element essential to life.
- 33. a herbivore is usually a _____ consumer, found on the 2nd trophic level, because it is the first organism to consume another organism.
- 34. all the dogs, cats, trees, bugs, etc. in Mount Clemens is an example of a _____.
- 35. weather, climate, temperature, water availability, are all ______ factors.
- 36. a division of the biosphere

Down

- 1. an element essential to life.
- 2. an organism that can harness energy from the sun.

- 4. Fleas and ticks are common _____ that harm their hosts by feeding off their blood.
- 5. A simple _____ would be an oak tree --> squirrel -->bird -->fox.
- 6. an organism that must eat other things for energy.
- 7. all food chains begin with a producer who gets energy directly from the _____.
- 8. a hunter

9. created from dead organisms, found underground, release carbon dioxide back into the atmosphere when they are burned.

- 14. for example: barnacles on whales, one benefits while the other is unaffected.
- 15. cows are _____ because they consume only grass.
- 18. the study of the interactions of organisms.
- 20. an element essential to life.
- 23. the "hunted"
- 25. apex predators are found at the _____ of the food chain, they are fewest in number.
- 26. returns water from the ecosystem to the atmosphere.
- 29. Your _____ is where you live.
- 30. As we move through a food chain and food web, _____ available at each level decreases.