

Science Vocabulary List

Due Date	Science Word	Science Meaning
	Absorb	To take in or swallow up liquids or energy (a sponge)
	Adaptation	a structure or behavior that helps a living thing survive in its environment (i.e. the webbed foot of the duck for swimming)
	Balance	an instrument used for comparing the mass or weight of two or more objects (also known as a double-pan or pan)
	Behavior	what an animal does; the way a living thing acts; a living things reaction to its environment
	Beneficial	to help or make better
	Camouflage	an adaptation of an organism that enables it to blend with its surroundings
	Carnivore	a meat eater; a consumer that eats only other consumers
	Celsius	a metric unit for measuring temperature (°C)
	Centimeter	a metric unit for measuring length (cm)
	Characteristic	a property or special feature (oranges have a smell)
	Chemical energy	
	Circuit	the path electricity flows through
	Classify	to place into groups based on similar (or different) properties; to sort
	Community	a group of different plants and animals, living in a particular area, depending upon each other for food and other needs
	Condensation	the changing of a gas into a liquid
	Conductor	a material through which electricity can pass; a material which electricity can pass; a material through which heat can pass
	Consumer	a living thing that depends upon plants (producers) or other consumers (usually animals) for food; a living thing that cannot make its own food
	Decomposer	an organism that breaks down dead plants or other materials
	Decrease	to make or become smaller
	Ecology	the study of the interrelationship between living things and their environment
	Energy	the ability to do work; different types include mechanical, electricity, magnetic, heat, light, sound, chemical, and nuclear
	Environment	The total of all surroundings- air, water, vegetation, wildlife, and humans, which affect and influence living things
	Erosion	
	Evaporate	to change from a liquid state to a solid state
	Food chain	the path energy and material take in a community; energy is passed from the sun to green plants and onto animals; animals that eat plants may become food to other animals (small fish eats plants, big fish eats small fish)
	Food web	a complex network of two or more food chains; the flow of energy and material through connected food chains
	Force	push or pull
	Forestry or deforestation	cutting down trees

