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22	estuary	An aquatic ecosystem where salt water and fresh water mix	Found near the ocean
23	fertile	Rich in nutrients	Grasslands, Estuarie
24	niche	Specific role based on traits that allow for competing organisms to live in an ecosystem.	A barn owl's niche is as a nighttime prediator in a forest
25	pollutant	Harmful substance that has negative effects on an ecosystem	Cause pollution
26	population	A group of the same type of organisms living in one area	polition
		Living Organisms	
27	traits	Quality or characteristic of a living thing	Eye color, height
28	acquired traits	A trait that a living thing gets during its lifetime	scar scar
29	înstinct	An inherited behavioral trait such as walking for people and hibernating for bears	Fish know how to swing by instinct
30	heredity	The process by which traits are transferred from parent to offspring	- y mistifict
31	DNA	The material that carries all the information about how a living thing will look and function	
32	inherited trait	A characteristic that a living thing gets from its parents	Blue eyes children inherit eye color
33	offspring	The young of a person, animal, or plant	A cow's Offspring is a calf
34	cell	The basic unit of life	
35	unicellular	A living organism composed on one cell (amoeba, paramecium)	Amoeba
36	multi-cellular	A living organism composed of many specialized cells (hydra, insect, animal, human)	
37	tissue	A group of similar cells that work together (muscle cells, skin cells)	Stomach cells form the stomach
38	organ	Part of a system that consists of cells and tissue that is specialized to perform a specific task	Heart, brain, lungs
39	nervous system	The body system that sends and receives messages through the body	Brain, spinal cord, nerves
40	circulatory system	The body system that moves oxygen, food, and waste throughout the body	also called the cardiovascular system
41	respiratory system	The body system that brings oxygen in and takes carbon dioxide out	Lungs
42	digestive system	The body system that breaks down food to be used as energy	Stomach intestines
43	skeletal system	The body system that provides support and structure through the bones	bones
44	muscular system	The body system that works with bones to allow movement	