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| **Across****2.** The portion of the Earth in which all living things exist (includes land, water, and atmosphere).**5.** First species to populate an area.**8.** Things in the environment that are ALIVE.**12.** Change in size and composition over time.**13.** NON-LIVING things in the environment (soil, water, 02, temperature, light, humidity, and minerals).**15.** What the organism does and how it interacts with the biotic and abiotic factors.**17.** A group of organisms so similar to one another that they can breed and produce offspring.**18.** A place where an organism lives.**19.** A stable community where populations of plants and animals exist together.**20.** Study of interactions among organisms AND between organisms and their environments. | **Down****1.** Things produced by the ecosystem that benefits humans.**3.** The range of the population.**4.** An orderly sequence of different communities over a period of time in a particular area.**6.** The number of individuals per unit area.**7.** Any factor that limits the growth of a population.**9.** A group of ecosystems that have the same climate and similar communities.**10.** The spatial distribution of individuals within the population.**11.** The three parts of this are MUTUALISM, COMMENSALISM, and PARASITISM.**14.** Large variety of species living with each other and their environment.**16.** All of the individuals of a single species that live within a certain area. |