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| **Across****2.**  are tiny free-floating organisms that live in the water**3.** the air blanketing Earth's solid and liquid surface**6.** is the strip of land between the high and low tide lines**11.** dense covering formed by the uppermost branches of trees**12.** is the climate of small specific place within a larger area**16.** trees have adapted to winter temperatures by dropping their leaves and going dormant during the cold season**17.** is characterized by its hot, dry summers and cool, moist winters**19.** extends from the intertidal zone out to the edge of the continental shelf**20.** are photosynthetic plankton, which includes microscopic protists such as algae**22.** all of Earth's water, ice, and water vapor**23.** is located beyond the taiga in far northern latitudes**25.** is the part of Earth where life exists**26.** extends from the edge of the neritic zone to the base of the continental shelf | **Down****1.** is the long-term pattern of weather conditions in a region**4.** lies below 2000 meters and is in complete darkness**5.** trees retain their needles all year**7.** is another term for animal plankton**8.** is an area where the primary plant life is grass**9.**  are found within the tropical climate zone**10.** is the collection of living things that live in the biosphere**13.** is located in cooler climates**14.** the features of Earth's surface such as the continents, rock, and the seafloor-and everything below Earth's surface**15.** a partially enclosed body of water formed where a river flows into an ocean**18.** exist in cold, nutrient-rich waters, such as those found in California's Monterey Bay**21.** is the day-day condition of Earth's atmosphere**24.** receives less the 25 centimeters of precipitation annually, and are always characterized by a very dry or arid climate |