

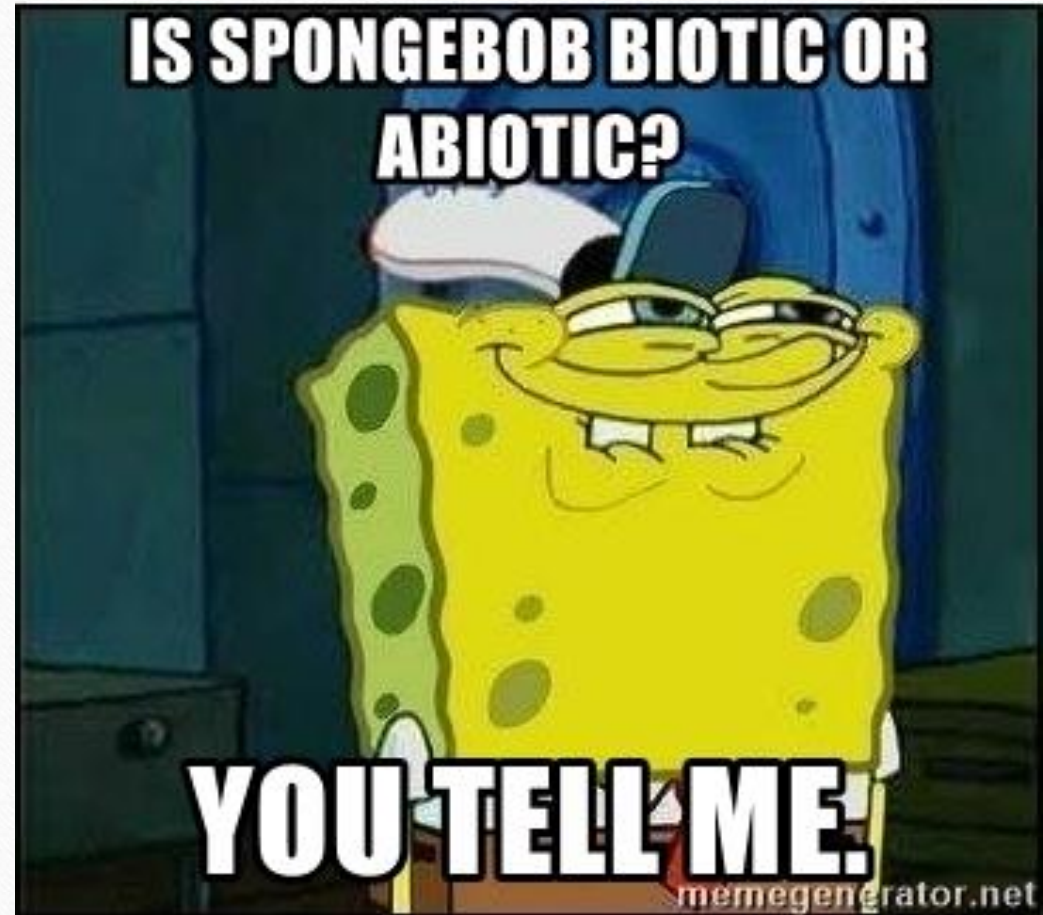
# Ecology Terms

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# Abiotic

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Human-made (pipe, phone, car, etc.) or Earth-made (rock, ocean wave, etc.) object that was never alive.



# Adaptations

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Modifications of  
a species to  
survive in an  
ecological niche



# Biome

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- A major ecological community, extending over a large area, characterized by dominant vegetation.



# Biotic

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An organism or object that is alive (crab, fish, etc.), was once alive (paper, pencil, etc.), or is a product of a living thing (seashell, etc.).



# Carrying Capacity

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- The maximum, equilibrium number of organisms of a particular species that can be supported indefinitely in a given environment.



# Ecology

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- The scientific study of the relationships between the living things (organisms) and their environments (both biotic and abiotic).



# Limiting Factor

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- An environmental factor that tends to limit population size.





# Niche

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- An organism's job or role in its environment.

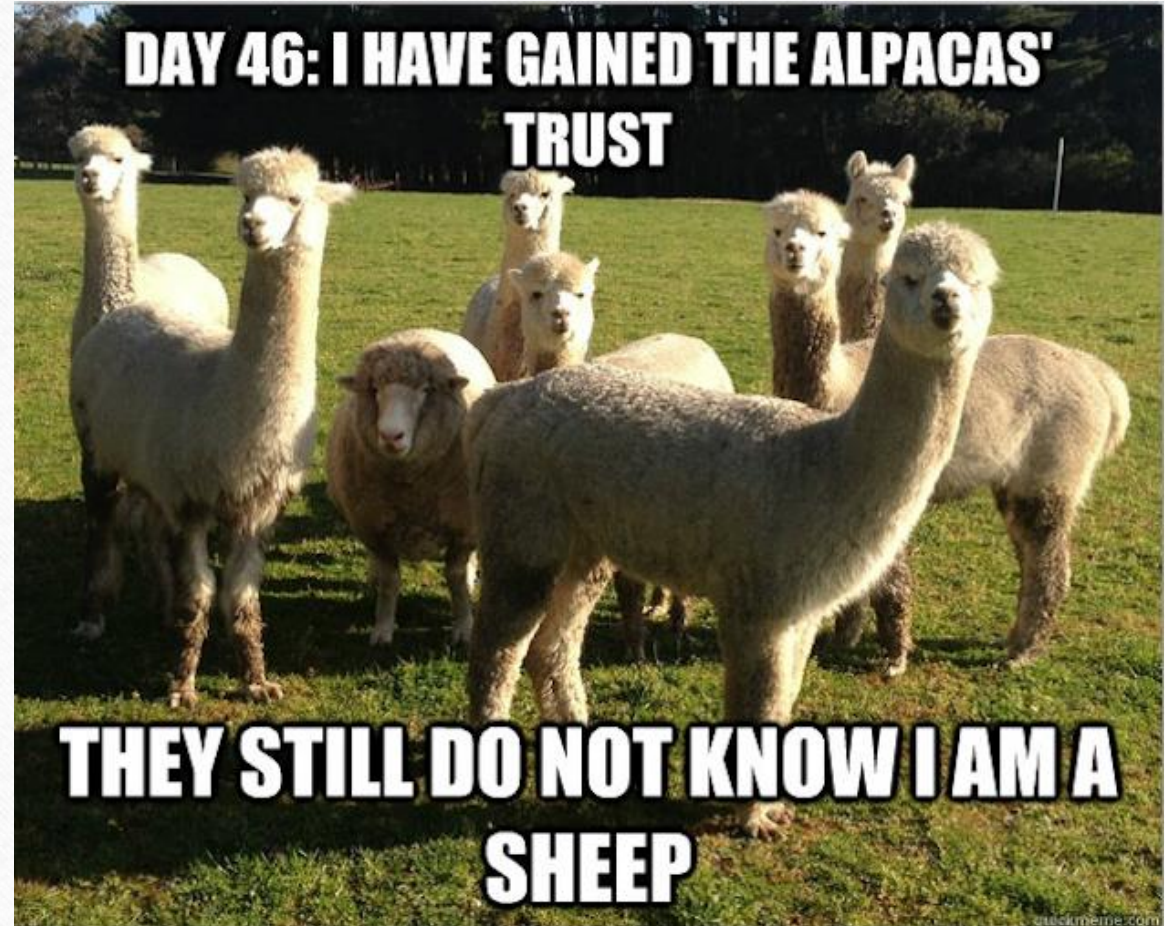


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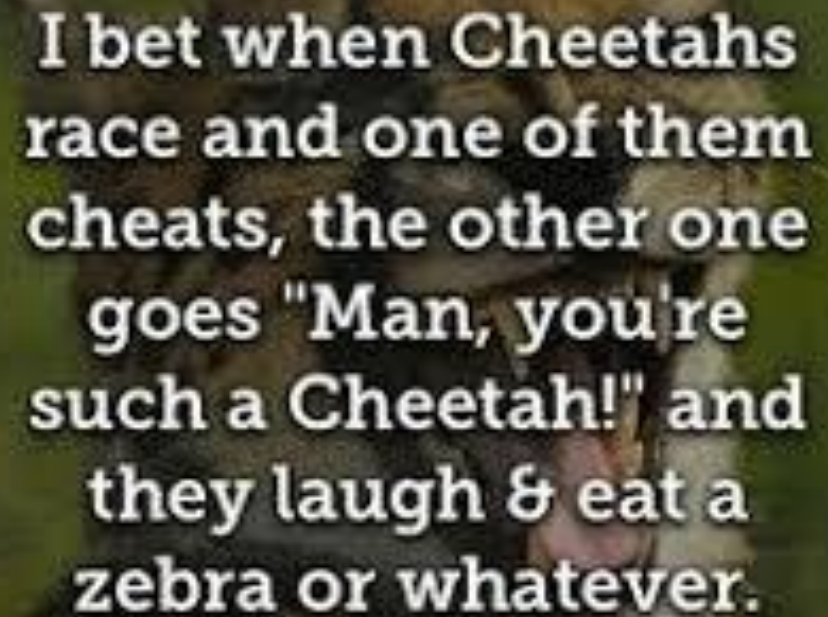
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# Carnivore

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- An animal that eats flesh.

A close-up photograph of a cheetah's face, showing its distinctive black spots and a pink tongue sticking out. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark green overlay. White text is superimposed on the image.

I bet when Cheetahs race and one of them cheats, the other one goes "Man, you're such a Cheetah!" and they laugh & eat a zebra or whatever.

# Consumer

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- An organism, usually an animal, that feeds on plants and/or other animals.



# Decomposer

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- An organism, usually a bacterium or fungus, that breaks down the cells of dead plants and animals into simpler substances.



# Food Chain

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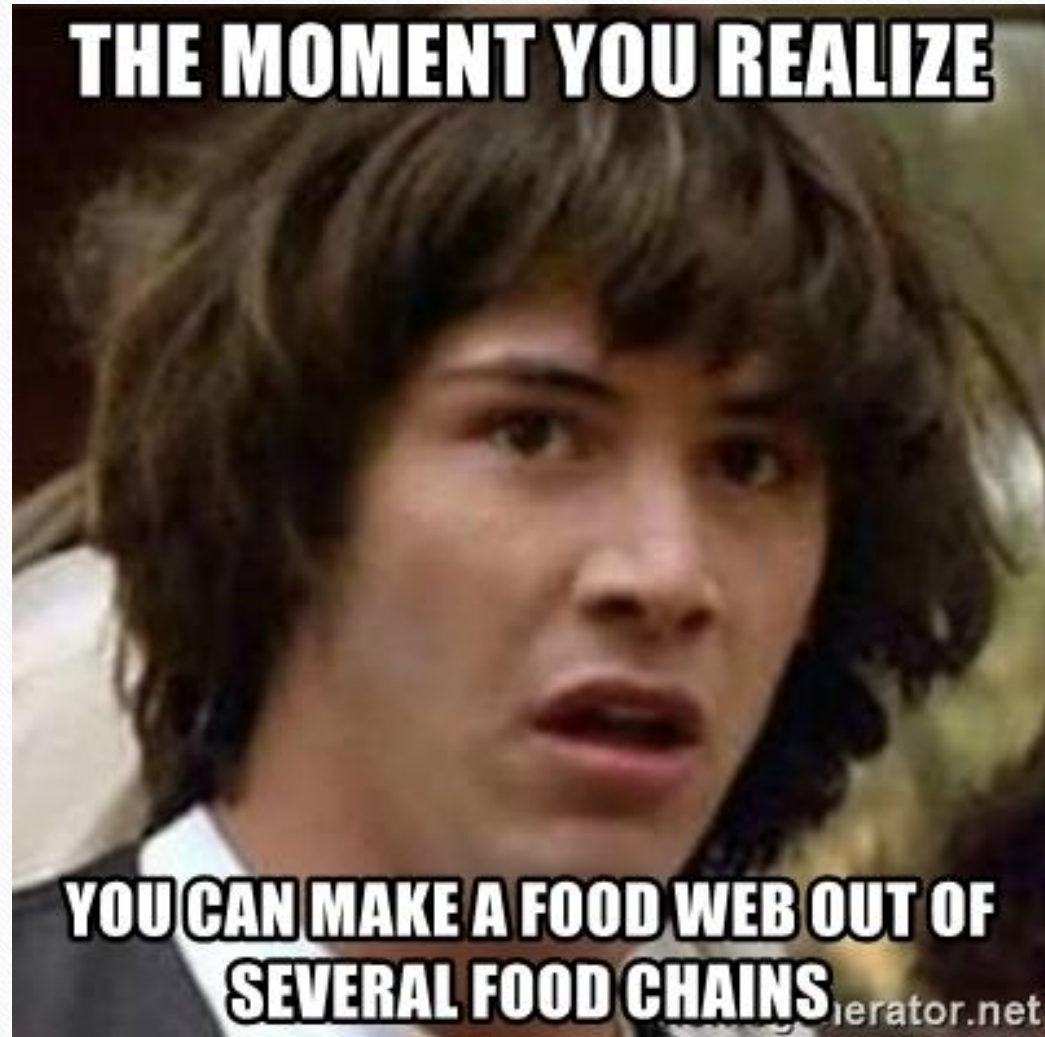
A series of organisms, interrelated in their feeding habits, the smallest being fed upon by a larger one, which in turn is fed upon by a larger one, etc.



# Food Web

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- A series of organisms related by predator-prey and consumer resource interactions. The interrelated food chains in an environment.



# Herbivore

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- An organism that feeds on plants.





# Omnivore

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An organism that eats both plants and animals.



# Predator- Prey

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• A predator is an organism that eats another organism. Prey is the organism which the predator eats. Both must be animals.



# Producer

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- An organism, such as a plant, that is able to produce its own food from inorganic substances such as sunlight.



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