

Glossary

air	the invisible mixture of odorless, tasteless gases that surrounds the earth
attract	to draw toward
block	to stop by putting something in the way
blocker	an object that prevents something from passing
camouflage	body colors, body parts, or elements of the environment that help animals hide or disguise themselves
conserve	to keep from being lost, damaged, or wasted
crop	a plant or animal that is grown for food or other products
dirt	soil
forecast	a prediction of something in the future, such as weather
forecaster	one who makes forecasts; a "weatherman" or "weather-woman"
freeze	to harden into a solid by loss of heat
gill	an organ that some animals have for taking in oxygen from water
liquid	a substance that is not solid
lodestone	a rock having magnetic properties
machine	a device made of several moving parts that makes a job easier
magnet	a piece of metal that attracts iron, nickel, and cobalt
magnetic	acting like a magnet
magnetism	the power to attract like a magnet
mammal	a warm-blooded animal had hair, two pairs of limbs, and a backbone and feeds its young with milk
melt	to change from a solid to a liquid by gaining heat
nutrient	a nourishing substance used by plants to make their food
organic	made from living things, such as plants, animals, or insects
pluck	to pull at something and let it go
pole	either end of a magnet
predator	an animal that kills and eats other animals
protection	being shielded or guarded from something that would injure or destroy
repel	to push back or away
reptile	a cold-blooded animal that has skin covered with scales or plates
rock	a solid mass of minerals

root	the leafless underground part of a plant that stores food and holds the plant in place
sand	loose, grainy material produced by the natural breaking up of rocks
season	a period of the year (usually one quarter) in which weather patterns are distinct from other seasons
seed	a tiny plant "egg" in a protective coat, which develops into a plant like the one that produced it
shadow	the dark area cast onto the surface of an object by something that blocks light from shining on the surface
shortage	a lack of a certain amount needed
soil	the loose, finely divided surface material of the earth in which plants have their roots
space	part of a distance, area, or volume that can be measured
stem	the main stalk of a plant that supports leaves and usually grows above ground
strike	to hit against something
stroke	to rub gently in one direction
tool	an object used by hand or a machine that makes a job easier
vibrate	to swing back-and-forth
vibrations	trembling, back and forth motions
weather	the state of the air and atmosphere in regard to how warm or cold, wet or dry, or clear or stormy it is
work	effort needed to do or make something; a task or job