



Web of Life Game

Instructions

This game has you looking for links between the species that is on your game card and other species in the alpine/aeolian zone. These links might be:

- Characteristics that your species shares with another species.
- Similar kinds of adaptations to the alpine/aeolian environment.
- Ways that your species interacts with other species.
- Other kinds of links. Be creative!

This is easy! Simply talk with your classmates who are holding cards for different species. Fill the name of the species in the table on the next page in the “Species” column. If you find a link, write that down in the other column. If you don’t find a link with that species, make a note about that, too.

Strategy Hints

See how your species “fits” in the alpine/aeolian ecosystem. In order to do that, you’ll want to know about all the other species, being thorough in comparing notes with the holder of that species card.

Pay attention to the details on your card so you don’t miss any links. It’s not the number of “links” that counts—it’s that you learn how your species is related to other species in the alpine/aeolian zone.



Write the name of your species here:

Species	Links



How Does Your Species Fit?

Using your game card and completed table of links with other species as background information, describe how your species relates to the other species in the alpine/aeolian ecosystem. Think about questions such as the following in writing your answer:

- What characteristics does your species share with other species (for example, food sources, coloration, shape, or behavior)?
- Do any of these characteristics seem to represent similar kinds of adaptations to the alpine/aeolian environment? Which environmental characteristics might they be adaptations to?
- How does your species interact with other species? Are there other species it depends upon?
- Are there any patterns that would help you describe how your species fits in the alpine/aeolian zone?

Write your answer in the space below, and use the other side of the sheet if you need more space: