

Ecosystems and Biomes ▪ *Review and Reinforce*

Aquatic Ecosystems

Understanding Main Ideas

Answer the following questions on the lines provided.

1. What bodies of water make up a freshwater ecosystem?

2. What conditions do organisms face in the intertidal zone?

3. Why is the neritic zone particularly rich in living things?

Building Vocabulary

Write the correct term to complete each sentence below.

4. The _____ zone is the point along the shoreline between the highest high-tide line and lowest low-tide line.
5. The point where the fresh water of a river meets the salt water of the ocean is called a/an _____.
6. The _____ zone is out in the open ocean where light penetrates only to a depth of a few hundred meters.
7. The _____ zone is a region of shallow water below the low-tide line that extends over the continental shelf.
8. The _____ zone is almost totally dark.