



# Crystal Cove Vocabulary



<b>Abiotic</b>	Nonliving
<b>Adaptation</b>	A behavior or characteristic that helps a plant or animal survive in the environment
<b>Biotic</b>	Living
<b>Classification</b>	The grouping of things based on certain characteristics
<b>Coastal sage scrub</b>	An ecosystem of short, drought adapted soft leafed shrubs, in which California sagebrush is the most common species
<b>Consumer</b>	A living thing that gets energy by eating other living things
<b>Ecosystem</b>	All the biotic and abiotic things that interact in a particular area
<b>Energy pyramid</b>	A diagram showing the energy available at each level in a food chain
<b>Food chain</b>	A series of events in which one organism eats another
<b>Invertebrate</b>	An animal that does not have a backbone
<b>Prediction</b>	A guess about what you think will happen based on observations and experiences
<b>Producer</b>	A living thing that makes its own food
<b>Tidepool</b>	A shallow pool along the coastline that traps ocean water during low tide
<b>Vertebrate</b>	An animal that has a backbone
<b>Other Concepts:</b>	Primary Consumer, Secondary Consumer, Top Consumer, Scavenger