



Upper Newport Bay Vocabulary



Adaptation	A behavior or characteristic that helps a plant or animal survive in the environment
Archaeologist	A person who studies ancient peoples and civilizations
Artifact	A tool or object used by ancient people
Classification	The grouping of things based on certain characteristics
Coastal sage scrub	An ecosystem of short, drought adapted soft leafed shrubs, in which California sagebrush is the most common species
Conservation	The protection and wise use of natural resources
Consumer	A living thing that gets energy by eating other living things
Decomposer	A living thing that breaks down wastes and dead things
Ecology	The study of ecosystems
Ecosystem	All the living and nonliving things that interact in a particular area
Endangered species	A group of plants or animals whose survival is in danger because the population size is small
Estuary	An ecosystem where fresh water and salt water mix
Food chain	A series of events in which one organism eats another
Inference	A guess based on observations and experience
LAWS	Land, Air, Water, Sunlight
Midden	A pile of trash
Migration	An animal's journey to another region due to a change in the season
Natural resource	A material found in nature that is useful or necessary for living things
Observation	A description of objects and events based on the senses
Prediction	A guess about what you think will happen based on what you know
Producer	A living thing that makes its own food
Wetland	An area of land where the water level remains near or above the surface of the ground for most of the year
Other Concepts:	Ecologist, Ornithologist, Botanist, Tongva, Acjacheman