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Ecosystem Homework

Following our class discussion today, you should have a solid understanding of the concept of a **system**.

Use the space below to restate our operational definition of a system.

Knowing what you do about what a system is and how it works, think about the term **ecosystem**.

What do you think the prefix "**eco-**" means? _____

In the space provided, generate a list of five things that you know about ecosystems.

Based on our definition of the word **system** and what you know about **ecosystems**, do you think that it is appropriate that the term ecosystem has the root "system" in it? Why or why not? _____
