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| 1. **Species** - a kind of organism 2. **Population** – all the members of one species in an environment 3. **Increasing** – to become larger in number 4. **Decreasing** - to become smaller in number 5. **Exotic species** - species that are new to an environment 6. **Invasive species** - an exotic species that cannot be easily controlled 7. **Pollution** - what happens when harmful materials get into the air, land, or water 8. **Thriving** - when an organism is not in danger of dying out 9. **Threatened -** when an organism may become rare in the near future 10. **Endangered** - when there are only a few living members of the species left 11. **Extinct -** when there are no members of the species left alive 12. **Fossil** - remains of organisms that lived long ago 13. **Humus** - broken-down plant and animal material that contains lots of nutrients 14. **Erosion** – the wearing away and removal of rock and soil |