

Year 5 Knowledge Mat: The importance of biodiversity

Key Vocabulary	
Fungi	Any of a group of spore-producing organisms feeding on organic matter, including moulds, yeast, mushrooms, and toadstools.
Mould	Mould is a type of fungus that grows in the presence of moisture and can cause health problems in people who are exposed to it
Bacteria	Bacteria are tiny single-celled organisms that get nutrients from their environments. Some bacteria is good for our bodies - they help keep the digestive system in working order and keep harmful bacteria from moving in.
Lifecycle	A series of changes that an organism undergoes, returning to the starting state.
Biodiversity	The variety of plant and animal life in the world or in a particular habitat.

