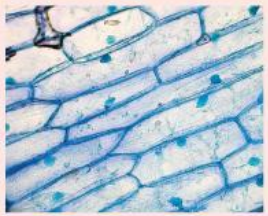
WHAT DO BIOLOGY MEAN?

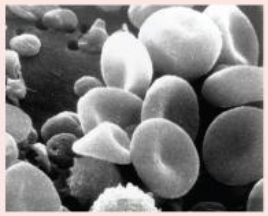
- **Etymology**
  - **bios**=life
  - **logos**= argument

- **Biology: natural science concerned with the study of life and living organisms**

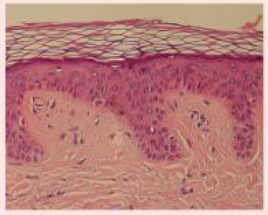
The biological levels of organization of living things



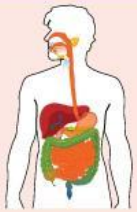
Organelles: The nucleus, dyed blue in these onion cells, is an example of an organelle.



Cells: Human blood cells.



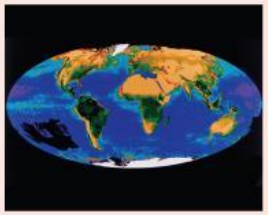
Tissues: Human skin tissue.



Organs and Organ Systems: Organs, such as the stomach and intestine, make up the human digestive system.

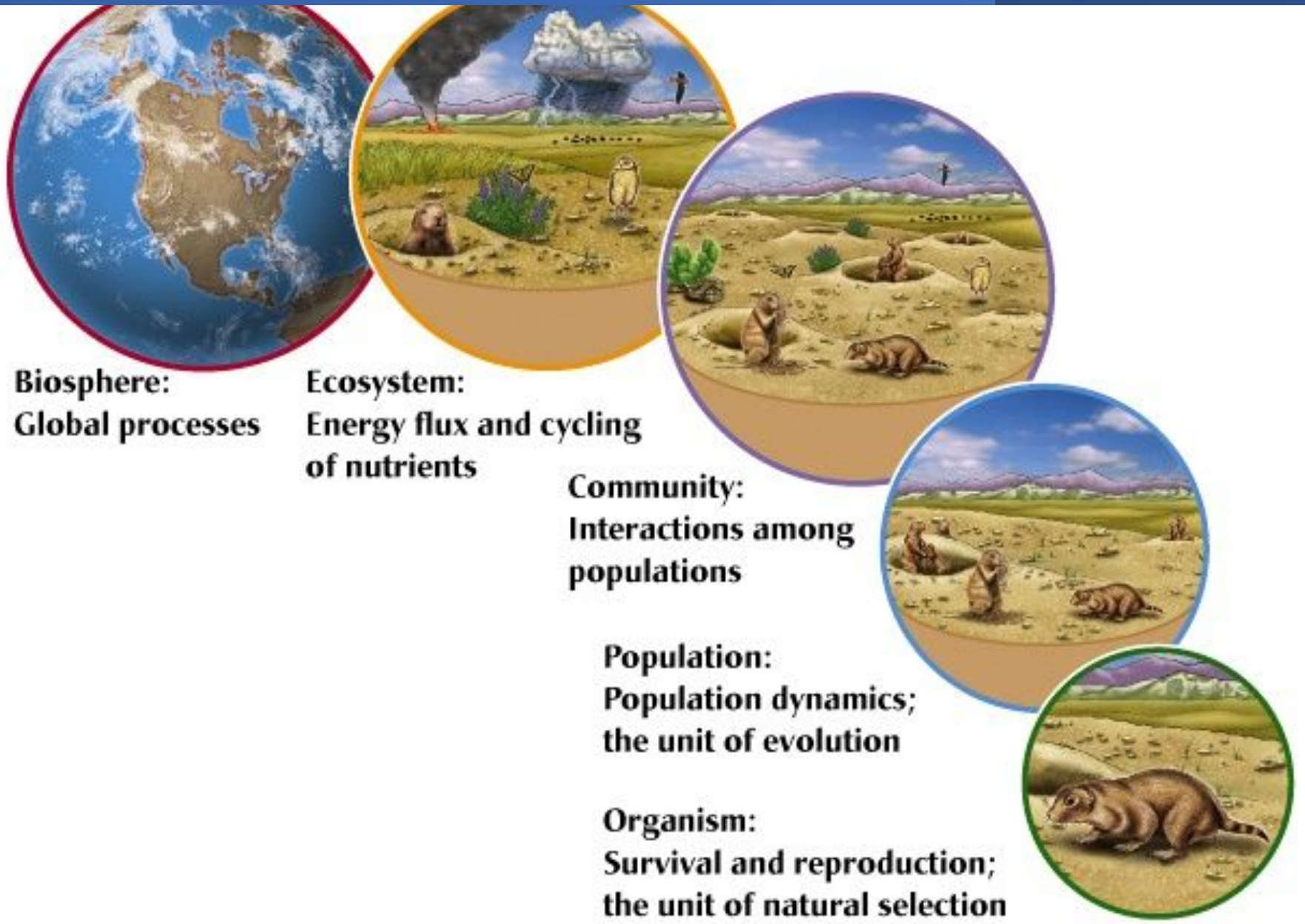
Organisms, Populations, and Communities: In a forest, each pine tree is an organism. Together, all the pine trees make up a population. All the plant and animal species in the forest comprise a community.

Ecosystems: This coastal ecosystem in the southeastern United States includes living organisms and the environment in which they live.



The Biosphere: Encompasses all the ecosystems on Earth.

From a single organelle to the entire biosphere, living organisms are parts of a highly structured hierarchy



Biosphere:
Global processes

Ecosystem:
Energy flux and cycling of nutrients

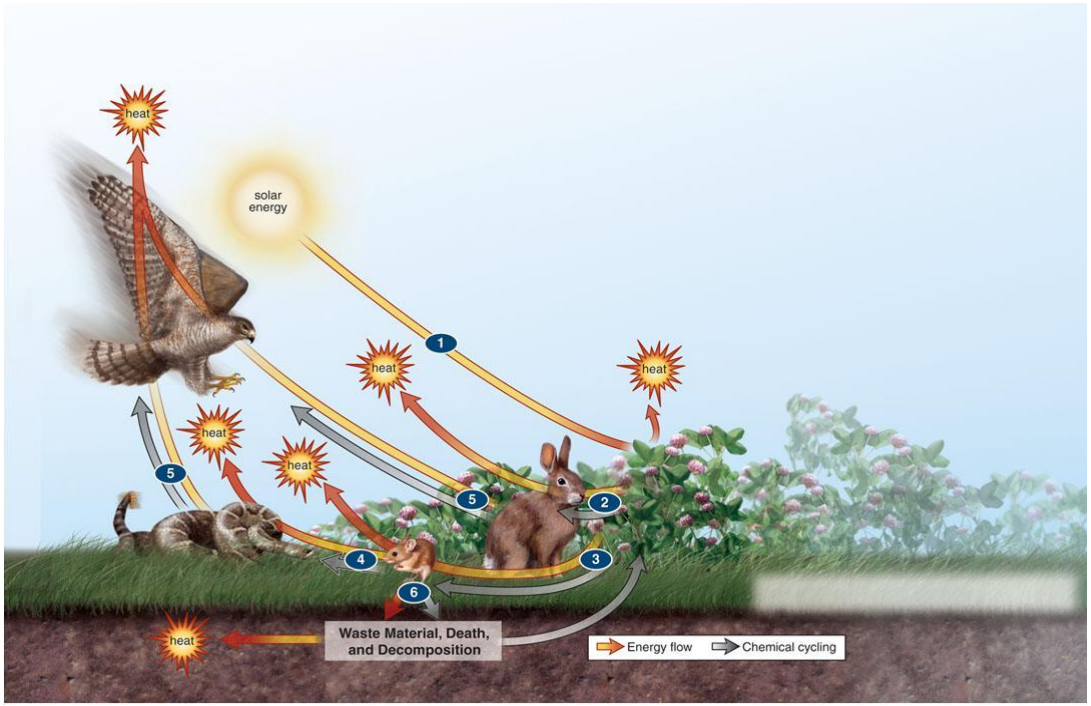
Community:
Interactions among populations

Population:
Population dynamics; the unit of evolution

Organism:
Survival and reproduction; the unit of natural selection

The Biosphere

The most complex level of organization composed of



- **Populations:** all members of one species in one area
- **Communities:** the populations of various organisms in an area
- **Ecosystem:** the communities interacting with their physical environment

4.Acquisition of Materials and Energy

- **Producers, Consumers, and Decomposers in the Forest Community.**

- **Organisms need nutrients and energy to live through food**
- **Nutrients**, the building blocks of cells;
- **Energy**, the capacity to do work, our fuel;
- **Metabolism**: all chemical reactions that occur in a cell;
- **Photosynthesis**: plant process that transforms solar energy into chemical used by organisms.

Producers

- **A: Producers:** Photosynthesizing organisms
- Producers are any kind of green plant.
- Green plants make their food by taking sunlight and using the energy to make sugar.
- The plant uses this sugar, also called glucose to make many things, such as wood, leaves, roots, and bark.

Consumers

Figure: Living things acquire materials and energy through food and they reproduce

- Cannot make their own food.
- They get energy and nutrients by feeding on other organisms.
- Animals are consumers

Taxonomy

The discipline of identifying and classifying organisms according to their evolutionary history and relationships.

Organisms are grouped together into **taxa** (singular: taxon) and these groups are given a **taxonomic rank.**

<u>Levels of classification (specific to general):</u>

Species (вид),

Genus (род),

Family (семейство),

Order (Ряд),

Class (класс),

Phylum (тип),

Kingdom (царство),

Domain (надцарство)

Table 1.4
Levels of
Classification

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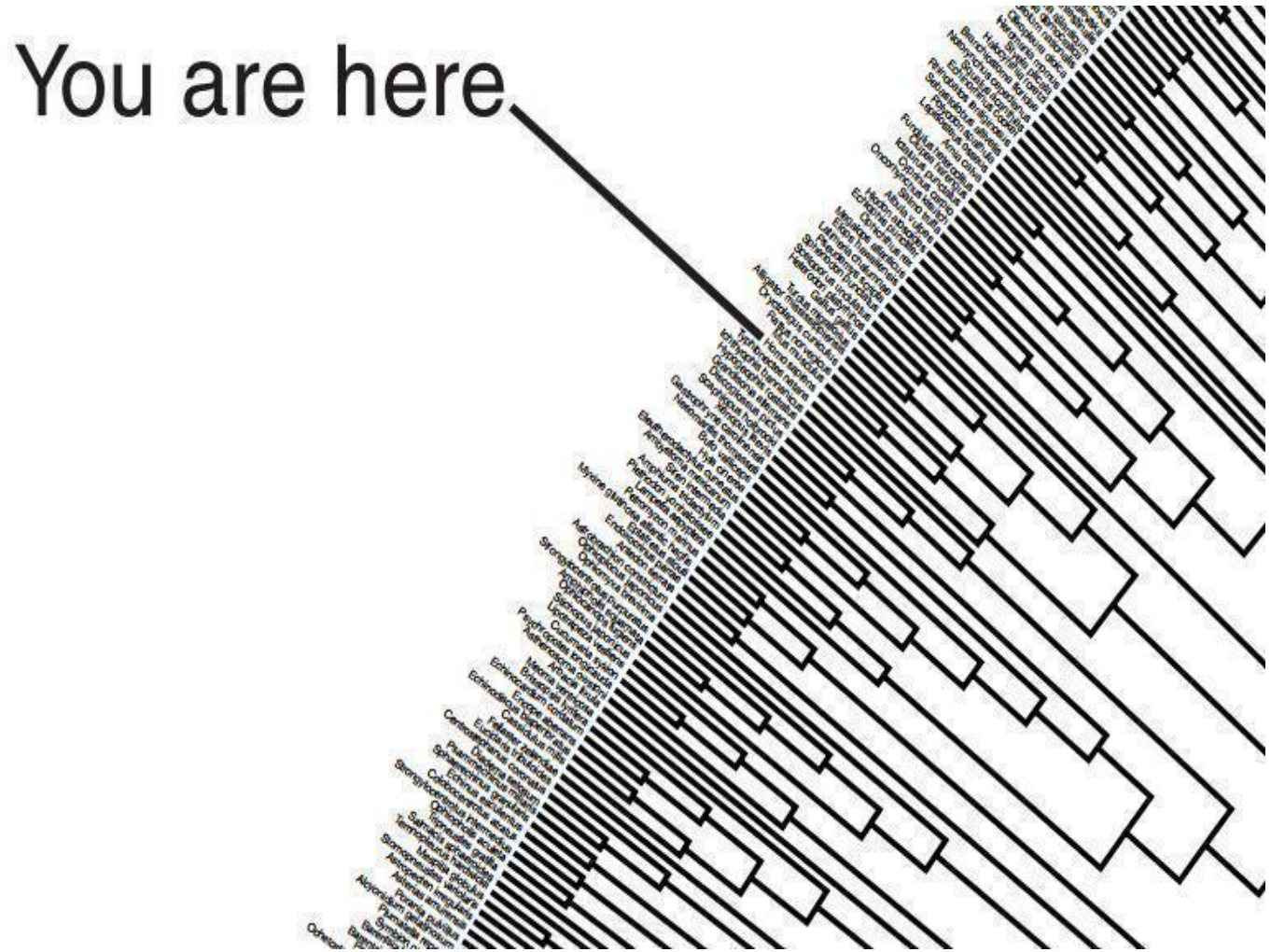
Category	Human	Corn
Domain	Eukarya	Eukarya
Kingdom	Animalia	Plantae
Phylum	Chordata	Anthophyta
Class	Mammalia	Monocotyledones
Order	Primates	Commelinales
Family	Hominidae	Poaceae
Genus	*Homo*	*Zea*
Species*	*H. sapiens*	*Z. mays*

*To specify an organism, you must use the full binomial name, such as *Homo sapiens*.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Domain

In Nature we find Three domains:

- **Bacteria**
- **Archea**
- **Eukarya**

Bacteria and Archaea are **prokaryotes** single cell organism in which the DNA is not contained in a nucleus

Eukarya are **eukaryotes** and have membrane-bound nucleus

Figure. Domain Archaea: *Methanosarcina mazei*, an archaeon

Figure. *Domain Bacteria:* Escherichia coli, a bacterium.

Four Steps of the Scientific Methods

- **Observation:** what scientists can sense in the world around them
- **Hypothesis:** a proposed explanation for an observation of how a natural process works.
- **Testing:** using either observation or experimentation to disprove a hypothesis
- **Conclusion:** the results are analyzed and the hypothesis is supported or rejected

Terminology

- Control group – In an experiment, a group to which one or more experimental groups can be compared.
- Experiment – A test carried out under controlled conditions that the researcher can manipulate.
- Experimental group- A group of objects or individuals that display or are exposed to a variable under investigation
- Variable (va'riabl)- a characteristic or event that differs among individuals.
- Sampling error- Distortion of experimental results, often because the sample size is too small.