




Science glossary

Prep Unit 1

Term	Meaning
environment	all the surroundings, both living and non-living 
human impact	changes in an environment as a result of human activity
living thing	an organism which displays the common features of being able to move, grow, respond to stimuli and have young
magnifier	a device, such as a lens or microscope, used to make something appear larger than it is
microscope	a piece of equipment used for viewing enlarged images of specimens
observe	to examine and gather information using the senses
pollution	the presence of a substance or object that has harmful or poisonous effects to an environment
science	knowledge gained through observations and/or studies about the physical and natural world and phenomena
scientist	a person who works within a recognised field of science 
senses	hearing, sight, smell, touch and taste 
shelter	a structure which provides protection from sunlight, weather or other environmental conditions
wild	term used to describe an animal or plant that meets its own needs without relying on the care of people