

- long term environ. change — occurs slowly over time & affects organisms over generations
- short term environ. change — happens quickly but does not last a long time
- extinct — permanent disappearance of a species from the Earth
- adaptation — a population becomes better suited to its environment by increasing the frequencies of alleles that provide benefits to survival & reproduction
- pollution — harmful substances that contaminate a natural environment
- climate — average weather conditions for a region year after year