

# HAPPY WORLD ECOLOGY DAY!

Teach your learners about different ecosystems with the Ecosystem Connection Activity!



# WHAT YOU WILL NEED:



Labels



Wool



Marker

# INSTRUCTIONS

## STEP 1:

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### **Choose your role:**

Each learner gets a label naming an organism in an ecosystem (like a forest or ocean). The organisms include producers (plants), consumers (herbivores, carnivores, omnivores), and decomposers (bacteria, fungi). One child must be given a "Sun" label.

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## STEP 2:

### **Stand in a circle:**

Everyone stands in a circle so they can all see one another.



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## STEP 3:

### **Start with the sun:**

The learner playing the “sun” holds the ends of the string of wool. The sun provides the primary energy source for most ecosystems.



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## STEP 4:



### **Make connections:**

The sun passes the wool to a “producer” (a plant) that uses sunlight to grow.

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## STEP 5:

### **Build the web:**

Each time someone gets the wool, they hold part of it and pass the ball of wool to another organism that's connected to them (like an animal that eats the plant). Keep going until everyone is linked together in a web.

