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Different kinds of freshwater environments

Answer the questions below.

1. Name one similarity and one difference between streams and rivers.

2. What kind of plants live at the edges of lakes and ponds?

3. Explain the differences between phytoplankton and zooplankton.

4. Why are wetlands important to the environment?

5. What makes estuaries ideal for both plants and animals?

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Fresh water

Vocabulary

brackish	phytoplankton
depth	ponds
estuaries	rivers
fast	salt
flooding	stable
lakes	streams
nutrients	standing
oceans	sunlight
oxygen	wetlands
	zooplankton

Use the terms in the vocabulary box above to fill in the blanks. Each term may be used as often as needed. You will not need to use all the terms.

1. Six types of freshwater environments are _____,
_____, _____, _____,
_____, and _____.

2. Factors that determine the forms of life that live in freshwater environments include:

- how far down into the water _____ reaches

- the amount of _____ for plants and animals

- the _____ of the water (where it is deep or shallow)

- how _____ the water moves

- how much _____ is in the water for the plants and animals to breathe

3. Tiny plant-like living things called _____ use the Sun's energy to make food for themselves.

4. Wetlands are places where there is _____ water covering the land all or much of the time.

5. Wetlands store water, which helps to prevent _____. The roots of the plants help make the ground more _____.

6. _____ are areas of moderately salty water where a river flows into an ocean. This type of water is called _____ water.