

STUDENT HANDOUT - DEPENDING UPON ONE ANOTHER

Name: _____

Date: _____

Using the words in the box below, fill in the blanks in the story:

sun	omnivores	decomposers	Sonoran	nutrients	plants
carnivores	herbivores	predators	seeds	scavengers	

In our _____ Desert all living things depend upon each other to survive.

The _____ provides green _____ with the energy they need to grow. Then,

_____, including kangaroo rats, tortoises, and deer, eat the green plants and many of

the _____ they produce. These plant eaters are preyed upon by animals that eat only

meat called _____ and include roadrunners, snakes, bobcats, hawks and

mountain lions. Some animals eat both plants and meat and are called _____.

_____, such as the vulture, eat animals that are already dead. Eventually,

_____ such as mushrooms, pillbugs and millipedes break down the remains of dead

plants and animals and add _____ to the soil. These nutrients help new plants grow.

