

SCA Science 5 Vocabulary – Chapter 8

cycle – a regular pattern of _____

season – a regular _____ of the year

photosynthesis – the process by which plants use _____ from the sun, carbon dioxide, and _____ to make food. _____ are formed, and _____ is released

respiration – the process through which living organisms use sugar and oxygen for _____; _____ is released

decomposition – the process of _____, or rotting away

evaporation – the process of _____ water changing into a vapor, or _____

transpiration – the process through which plants release _____ into the air

condensation – the process of a substance changing from a _____ to a _____

precipitation – any type of _____ that falls through the _____ to the earth; includes rain, snow, sleet, and hail

ground water – precipitation that has _____ into the ground and is _____ there

stress – any _____ _____ to life caused by having too much or too little of things needed for life

succession – a series of _____ _____ in the populations of organisms in an ecosystem

native species – any plant or animal species that is _____ _____ in an ecosystem

invasive species – a species that is _____ _____ to a certain area and either is causing _____ or could cause harm to native populations

extinct – describes a species that no longer _____

endangered species – a species whose _____
is so small that it is in danger of becoming

threatened species – a species whose population
could become endangered in the _____
