

Answers:

1. Primary producers
2. Algae, corals, bacteria
3. The first animal in a food chain that eats something else
4. Bigger fish, tuna, swordfish, smaller whales or sharks
5. Predator/prey

V: Inhospitable

I: To prevent themselves from being eaten

S: Primary consumer, secondary consumer, tertiary consumer (or every stage except primary producer and apex predator)

V: Microscopic

E: Apex predators are at the top of the food chain - the author did it intentionally to show the top of the chain at the top