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The Essential Players: Producers, Consumers, and Decomposers

Short Answer Key

1. Producers obtain energy through photosynthesis.
2. Example: Rabbit
3. Decomposers break down dead organic matter and release nutrients into the soil.
4. Tertiary consumers obtain energy by preying on other carnivores.
5. Primary consumers play a significant role in transferring energy from producers to higher trophic levels in ecosystems.

