Different Habitats

Looking at the three habitats it is apparent that habitats can be very different. Habitats are affected or changed by many things. Below are six factors that can affect a habitat.

- Weather The amount of rainfall, the temperature, and the type of weather.
- Ground Features Is the land flat or are there mountains?
- Availability of Water Are there many sources of water for plants and animals, or is the area a hot desert?
- Food Sources plants need soil, sun and water. Animals need plants and other animals.
- Available Sunlight The greater the amount of sunlight, the greater the number of plants and animals.
- Space Is the habitat crowded or is there room for new plants and animals to expand?



If the water became polluted in the coastal area, what animal (or animals) would suffer the most? Why?

What would happen if the two top predators (hawk and wolf) were no longer in the forest?

If plant life died in the desert, what animal (or animals) would suffer the most? Why?

Fill in the chart based on the pictures. You may need to make some assumptions.

Factor	Habitat		
	Coastal	Forest	Desert
Weather			
Amount of Water			
Number of Plants			
Amount of Sunlight			
Availability of Space			