

Vocabulary



algae protists that resemble plants
Algae contain chlorophyll, a green substance that is important in photosynthesis. Algae are producers. Euglenas and volvox are algae. The singular of *algae* is *alga*.

micrometer (µm) tiny unit of measurement for length;
1,000 µm = 1 mm
Most microorganisms are measured in micrometers.

microorganism an organism that cannot be seen without the aid of a microscope
The amoeba, paramecium, and hydra are microorganisms.

protist a small organism, usually made of one cell, that has some of the characteristics of a plant or an animal
A euglena is a plant-like protist. An amoeba is an animal-like protist.

protozoan a protist that resembles an animal
A paramecium, stentor, spirostomum, and amoeba are protozoans. Protozoans are consumers and must eat food.