

# Illustrating Ecological Succession

**Ecological Succession:** A series of predictable changes that occurs in a community over time. As ecological succession occurs, types of species present in a community will change in response to changing environmental conditions.

**Task:**  
Imagine that Palo Verde High School has been abandoned. There is no one to mow the grass, but it still gets irrigated. In the boxes provided, draw the PVHS football field as it is today and as you predict it will look after the number of years listed to the left. Also, make a list of the plant and animal species that you predict will inhabit this area at each time increment.

Time	Drawing	Plant and Animal Species Present
Present		
5 years		
50 years		