Nitrogen Cycle

why is nitrogen important?

essential for making amino acids in proteins

where does nitrogen come from?

78% of nitrogen is from the air

Plants absorb nitrates in the soil to make _____

animals eat plants so that they can make animal _____

waste materials are broken down by _____ to form _____

nitrogen is returned to the air by _____ bacteria

How is nitrogen gas converted to nitrate compounds?

_____ also converts nitrogen to nitrate compounds

_____ - fixing _____ that are naturally found in the soil

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