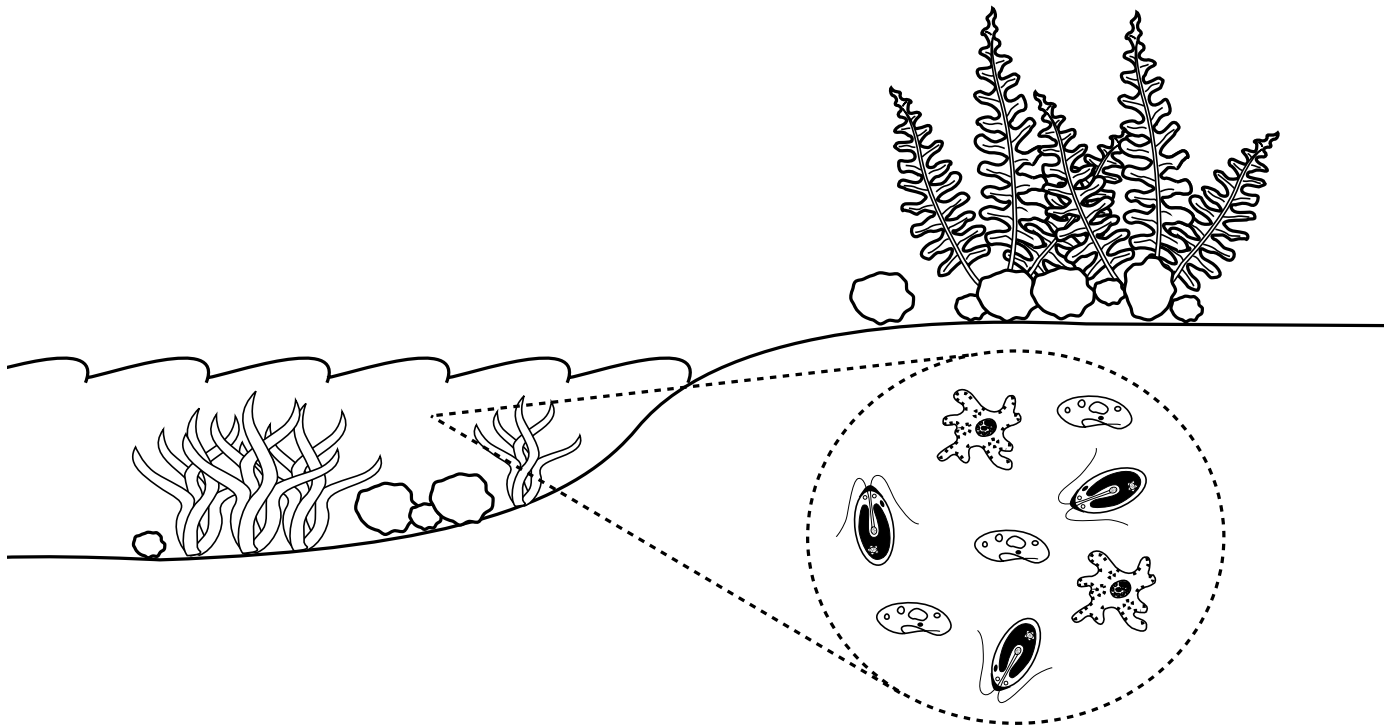


CHAPTER 22 PROTISTS**Get the Big Picture**

Read the paragraphs in the boxes and study the picture. Then answer the questions.

Protists are all around us. There are more than 200 000 species in the kingdom Protista. Protists come in many different shapes, sizes, and colors. Some protists have traits like animals. Protozoans are animal-like protists. Other protists have traits like plants. Algae are plantlike protists. Still others have traits like fungi. Slime molds, water molds, and downy mildews are examples of fungi-like protists.

Protists are important to nearly all ecosystems. Some protists produce large amounts of oxygen. Other protists form the first link in aquatic food chains. Protists live in almost every moist habitat on Earth.



1. What are protozoans? _____

2. Why is the kingdom Protista important to other living things on Earth? Give two reasons.

3. **True or false?** Protists live mostly in dry habitats. _____