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## Food Chains

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herbivore	omnivore	food chain	food web



**Choose the best word from the word bank to complete each sentence.**

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is an illustration that shows how energy is passed from one living thing to another.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is an illustration that shows how animals are connected in their search for food within an ecosystem.
3. Green plants can make food in their leaves. A living thing that can make food with energy from the sun is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Animals get their energy by eating plants and animals. A living thing that needs to eat to obtain energy is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Mushrooms cannot make their own food and they do not eat food. Instead, they get their energy by breaking down and absorbing dead organic matter. These types of living things are called \_\_\_\_\_.
6. A leopard seal eats fish and penguins. It never eats plants. Since the leopard seal eats only meat, it is a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. A deer eats grass and plants found in its habitat. Since the deer eats only plants, it is a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. A raccoon eats other animals like crayfish, as well as plant life. Since the raccoon eats both plants and animals it is an \_\_\_\_\_.

# ANSWER KEY

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2. A **food web** is an illustration that shows how animals are connected in their search for food within an ecosystem.
3. Green plants can make food in their leaves. A living thing that can make food with energy from the sun is called a **producer**.
4. Animals get their energy by eating plants and animals. A living thing that needs to eat to obtain energy is called a **consumer**.
5. Mushrooms cannot make their own food and they do not eat food. Instead, they get their energy by breaking down and absorbing dead organic matter. These types of living things are called **decomposer**.
6. A leopard seal eats fish and penguins. It never eats plants. Since the leopard seal eats only meat, it is a **carnivore**.
7. A deer eats grass and plants found in its habitat. Since the deer eats only plants, it is a **herbivore**.
8. A raccoon eats other animals like crayfish, as well as plant life. Since the raccoon eats both plants and animals it is an **omnivore**.