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Animal food groups.

Another way we can group animals is by what they eat. As we already know, animals need food to survive but not all animals eat the same thing.

Carnivores- Carnivores are animals that only eat other animals, like lions and sharks.

Herbivores- Herbivores are animals that eat only plants, like zebras and giraffes.

Omnivores- Omnivores enjoy the best of both worlds, they eat plants and animals. Creatures like Hedgehogs and humans.



Can you place the animals below into their correct groups?

Be careful as some of these might be tricky.

Carnivore group - animals that only eat other animals

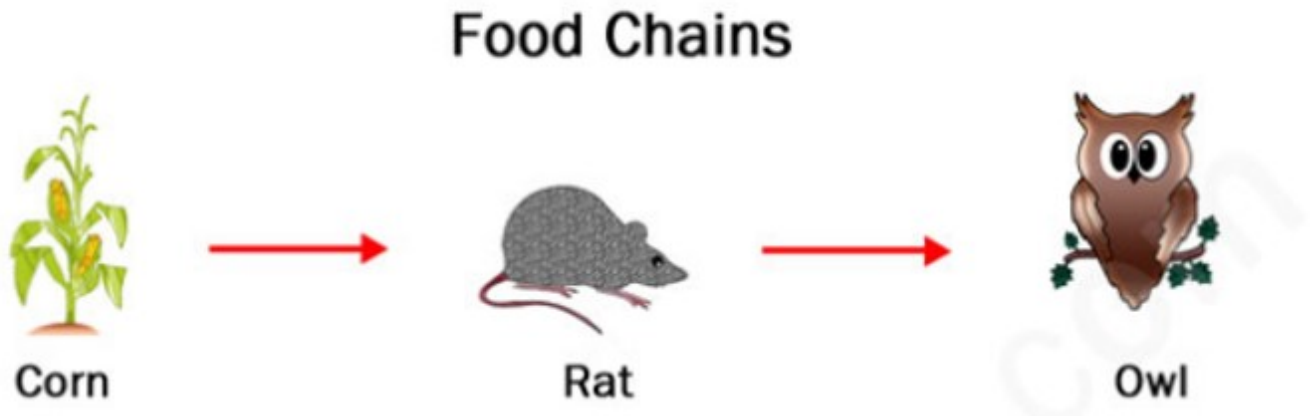
Herbivore group - animals that only eat plants

Omnivore group - animals that can eat plants and other animals



Food chain

As you know now, some animals eat other animals. This is called a food chain. Here is an example:



The red arrows show the transfer of energy as the animal eats. All food chains start with energy coming from the sunlight. Watch this video which explains a little more about food chains.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/z96r82p>

Food chains can be short, or sometimes they can be quite complex. One thing you have to remember is that animals can only eat other animals that live in the same habitat.

You won't find a shark eating a rabbit for example.

Your task

See if you can come up with your own food chain examples. I would start off with some animals you know really well, maybe ones you may find in your garden or local area, then move on to animals that live in other habitats.

You could write/type the names of the animals or draw some pictures. We will be doing both in school. I wonder if anyone will be able to get 4 animals and a plant in their food chain.

