

Nature's Energy Chain: Who Eats Whom?

Follow the energy from the sun to the top of the food chain!

- A producer, such as a green plant, creates its own energy using sunlight.
- A herbivore is a consumer that eats only plants to gain energy.
- A carnivore is a predator that hunts and eats other animals for food.
- An omnivore is a clever creature that eats both plants and animals.
- The arrows in a food chain represent the flow of energy from one living thing to another.
- When a predator hunts, the animal being hunted is known as the prey.

Did you know? Did you know that almost all food chains start with the sun? Plants, like sunflowers and oak trees, are called producers because they use sunlight to make their own energy. Every animal that follows in the chain relies on that initial burst of solar energy!

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