

THE FOOD CHAIN

Where does our food come from? Does it come from animals, from the ground or from the plants? The answer is: our food comes from all of them.

Think about cheese. You need milk to make cheese and the milk comes from cows, sheep or goats. These animals need food, too and they usually eat grass. Grass needs energy to grow and this energy comes from the sun. This is a food chain and all food chains start with the sun.

There are three types of animals. Carnivores, Herbivores and Omnivores. Carnivore animals usually eat meat, so they hunt and eat other animals. A good example can be a lion. Herbivores eat plants. For example, giraffes love eating the leaves on the trees. Omnivores eat plants and meat. A bear, for example, usually eats plants, but it also loves meat and fish.

Let's give another example of a food chain. The sun gives energy to a tree and the tree grows leaves. Caterpillars love to eat leaves. Birds are usually carnivores and they eat caterpillars. Finally big birds, eagles for example, eat small birds. In this example, the eagle is at the top of the food chain.



READING

1. a. Read the text. Fill in the gaps in the diagram with *the sun* or *a bird*. Draw their pictures.

b. Read the text again. Answer these questions.

- 1- What do you need to make cheese?
- 2- What do all food chains start with?
- 3- What do herbivores, carnivores and omnivores eat?

2. a. Look at the groups of animals and plants. Put them in order. Make food chains.

- 1- zebra - lion - grass
- 2- snake - rat - eagle - fruit
- 3- fox - carrot - rabbit
- 4- shark - fly - fish

b. Work in pairs. Make two food chains and draw them on a piece of paper.

3. Write the animals under the correct group.

- a cow
- a deer
- a duck
- a dog
- a cat
- a cheetah
- a camel
- a chicken
- a mouse

Carnivores	Herbivores	Omnivores
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INTERNET RESEARCH

4. Go online and find 2 more examples for each category in exercise 3.