

Food Chains

2nd Grade

Who eats whom — and which way the arrows really point.

A food chain shows how energy moves. The arrow means 'is eaten by'.

1

THE SUN

Every food chain starts here. All the energy comes from sunlight.

2

PRODUCER

A plant. It makes its own food using sunlight.

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PRIMARY CONSUMER

A herbivore — eats the plant. Rabbit, caterpillar, cow.

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SECONDARY CONSUMER

A carnivore — eats the herbivore. Fox, bird, frog.

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DECOMPOSER

Fungi and worms break the dead back down into soil.

EXAMPLE

grass → rabbit → fox

leaf → caterpillar → bird → hawk

The arrow points the way the energy travels, so it points TOWARDS the eater.