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Who eats whom?

A **food chain** shows who eats whom in a habitat.

1 Learn



Animals get their food from other living things. A food chain shows who eats whom. It always starts with a **plant**.



grass → rabbit → fox

The arrow means **"is eaten by"**. Grass is eaten by the rabbit. The rabbit is eaten by the fox.

How to build a food chain

1. Start with the **plant**: the grass. Plants make their own food.
2. Who eats the grass? The **rabbit**. Draw an arrow from the grass to the rabbit.
3. Who eats the rabbit? The **fox**. Draw an arrow from the rabbit to the fox.

Flip's tip: a fox doesn't eat grass! The fox eats the rabbit, and the rabbit eats the grass. Each arrow points to the one that does the **eating**.

Warm up: number them 1, 2, 3 to make a food chain. Start with the plant.

 bird ☐

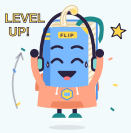
 leaf ☐

 caterpillar ☐

Grown-ups: read the chain aloud, following the arrows. Ask "What does the rabbit eat? Who eats the rabbit?"

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Food chain cards

You need: 9 small pieces of paper, crayons, and 6 spoons or pencils to be arrows.

1. Draw one living thing on each card: **grass, rabbit, fox, leaf, caterpillar, bird, acorn, mouse, owl.**
2. Mix up the cards. Find the 3 plants first.
3. Build 3 food chains on the table, using the spoons as arrows. Start each one with a plant.
4. Read each chain out loud: "Grass is eaten by the rabbit…"
5. Take away the mouse. Talk: what would the owl eat now?

Our food chains: write or draw them.

Grown-ups: the chains are grass → rabbit → fox, leaf → caterpillar → bird, and acorn → mouse → owl. If your child puts the fox next to the grass, ask "Does a fox eat grass?"

3 Practise

A. Number each food chain 1, 2, 3. Start with the plant.

owl _____ acorn _____ mouse _____

snail _____ hedgehog _____ leaves _____

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B. Is the arrow the right way round? Put a tick or a cross.






C. Fill the gaps. Look at the chains on this sheet to help you.

1. The caterpillar eats the _____.
2. The _____ eats the rabbit.
3. The mouse is eaten by the _____.

D. All the grass in a field dies. What happens to the rabbits? What happens to the foxes?



Challenge

Mia says, "The fox is in the same food chain as the grass, so the fox eats grass." Is she right? Who eats what?

I can... Tick when you can.

- ☐ build a food chain that starts with a plant
- ☐ say who eats whom in a food chain
- ☐ point the arrows the right way