

Title: Food Webs

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

consumers	herbivores	organism	parasite	scavenger
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1. Cows are _____, so they only eat things like grass and hay.
2. Dogs sometimes get sick because of _____ in their bodies.
3. My brother is like a(n) _____; he will eat any desserts you don't finish.
4. Most living things that are not plants are _____.
5. Anything that is alive is a(n) _____.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Humans and animals need energy, but plants do not. T / F
2. A food chain shows which things are eaten and by what. T / F
3. Along with sunlight, plants need carbon dioxide and water to live. T / F
4. Herbivores are an example of producers on a food web. T / F
5. Decomposers break down dead organisms. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Most food (webs / chains) do not show all the things that different animals eat.
2. Sunlight is actually a form of (energy / food).
3. Along with making sugar, plants also make (oxygen / carbon dioxide).
4. Animals get energy from (sunlight / the food they eat).
5. Scavengers are different from carnivores because they do not (hunt / gather) their food.

C. Choose the best answer.

1. Which of the following is not mentioned as being a main part of a food web?

- a. The sun
- b. Producers
- c. Decomposers
- d. The soil

2. What is something plants can do that animals cannot?

- a. Make their own food
- b. Live without sunlight
- c. Living on another living thing
- d. Eat only sugar

3. What do herbivores eat?

- a. They eat each other.
- b. They only eat animals.
- c. They only eat plants.
- d. They eat plants and animals.

4. Ticks are an example of which type of consumer on the food web?

- a. Scavengers
- b. Herbivores
- c. Carnivores
- d. Parasites

5. What happens if one part of a food web is destroyed?

- a. Other parts will suffer and could die
- b. New things will come to take its place
- c. Everything else will change what it eats
- d. Humans will have to find a way to fix it

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

decomposers	nutrients	producers	chlorophyll	carnivores
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Food webs are like food chains. However, a food web is more complex. All living things need energy. They get it in different ways. For example, things like plants can make their own energy because they have _____. Organisms that can do this are called _____. They are the base of the food web. One step above them are the consumers, which eat other living things. There are many kinds of consumers. _____ eat other animals. Herbivores only eat plants. Some, like humans, eat both and are called omnivores. Still others live off living things without killing them. They are parasites. _____ are also important to the food web. They eat things that are dead and turn them into _____ and gases. It is easy to see how balanced everything is. It is up to humans not change that balance.