Carnivores, Herbivores and Omnivores

What Do Animals Eat?







Staying Alive

Animals need to eat to stay alive.

Different animals eat different types of food.

Which of these animals does **not** eat grass?



rabbit





cow





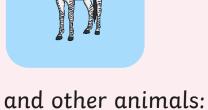
lion



Carnivores

Some animals eat other animals. These animals are called carnivores. Carnivores eat:

















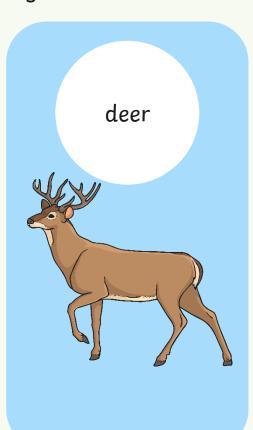


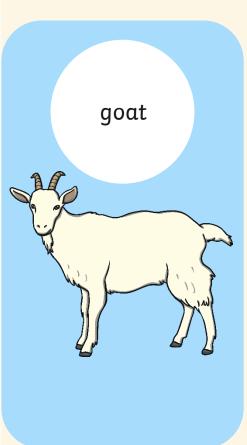


Carnivores

Carnivores can be big or small.
Which of these animals do you think is a carnivore?





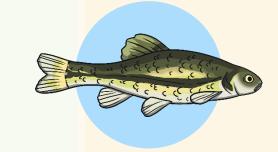


Carnivores

Kingfishers are small birds.

They only eat other animals.

They are carnivores.

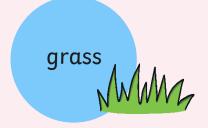


They eat small fish and other little animals like tadpoles.

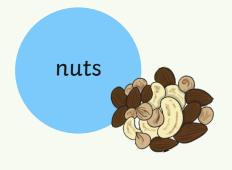


Herbivores

Some animals eat only plants.
These animals are called **herbivores**.
Herbivores eat:









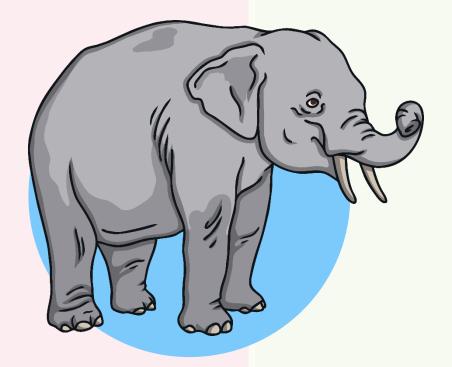


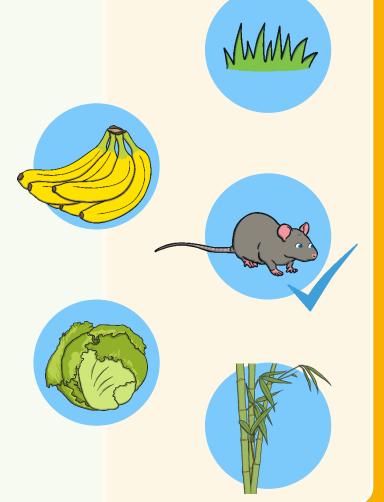


Herbivores

Elephants are **herbivores**.

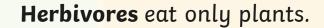
Which of these can they not eat?

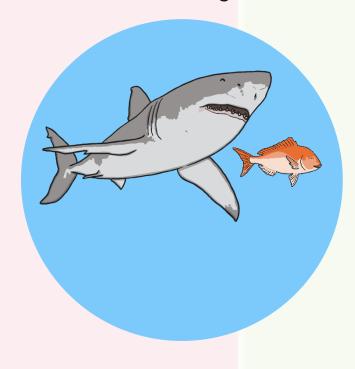


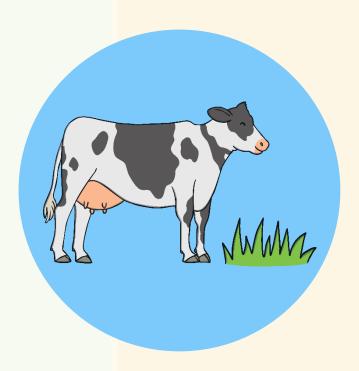


Omnivores

Carnivores eat only animals.







But some animals eat animals and plants.
These animals are called **omnivores**.

Omnivores

Omnivores survive by eating both plants and animals.

This can be a good way of staying alive. If they cannot find meat, omnivores can eat plants instead.

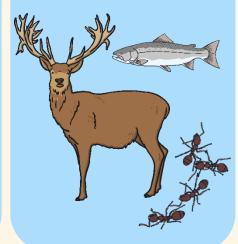
Omnivores come in all shapes and sizes!



Grizzly bears eat seeds, berries and grass.



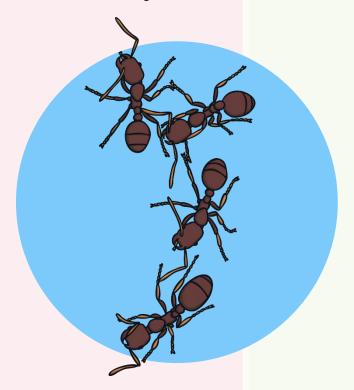
They also eat deer, fish and insects.

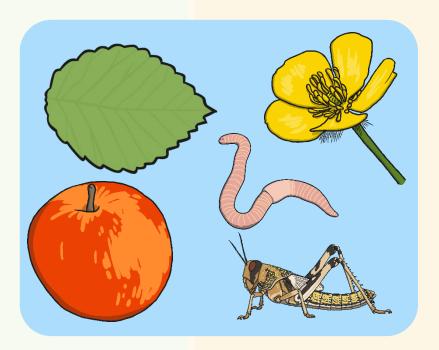


Omnivores

Ants are tiny omnivores.

Most ants eat a mixed diet of plants and meat. This might include leaves, nectar and fruit, as well as insects and dead animals.





What about Humans?

Do you think humans are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores?
What did you eat yesterday?

Humans are able to eat meat and plants.

Some people eat only plants, but most humans have both plants and meat in their diet.

This makes humans omnivores.





