

producer

a living thing that can make its own food

ex: plants, trees, moss

consumer

an animal that eats plants or other animals

herbivore

an animal that eats only plants or producers

ex: horses, giraffes, squirrels, rabbits

carnivore

an animal that eats only other animals

ex: Florida panther, lion, whale, frogs

omnivore

an animal that eats both plants and other animals

ex: bears, hyenas

decomposer

a living thing that feeds on wastes and on the remains of dead plants

ex: mushrooms, earthworms, tiny bacteria

habitat

an environment that meets the needs of a living thing

niche

the role a living thing has in its habitat

ex: how an animal gets food, shelter, cares for young, and avoids danger

food chain

**the movement of food energy in
a sequence of living things**

ex: every food chain starts with a producer

prey

consumers that are eaten

ex: animals that are HUNTED

predator

animals that hunt

food web

**several food chains that
overlap**

ex: herons eat snails, fish, and other birds

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