



Food Webs and Life Cycles **How Living Things Eat and Grow**

Stage 1

NSW Stage 1 Outcomes:

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WHAT DO ANIMALS EAT?



What Do Animals Eat?

Animals eat different kinds of food.

Some animals eat plants.

Some animals eat other animals.

Some animals eat both.

What does your animal eat?



Complete the sentence:

This animal eats _____.



FOOD CHAINS



Food Chains

A food chain shows how animals get their food.
Energy starts with plants and moves to animals.

Who eats the plant?

Draw a food chain: plant → animal → animal

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FOOD WEBS

Food Webs

Animals can eat different foods.

This means they are part of many food chains.

Can an animal eat more than one thing?

Draw one animal with TWO foods it eats.

BABY ANIMALS

Animals have babies

All animals have babies that grow over time.

Baby animals can look different from adults.



What are some baby animals called?

Draw a baby and an adult animal.

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LIFE CYCLES

Life cycles

A life cycle shows how a living thing grows and changes.
Animals grow from young to adult stages.



How does an animal change
as it grows?

Draw and Label:

Draw and label:

- baby
- growing
- adult

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AT THE ZOO

Look carefully at animals and their habitats.

Look for:

what animals are eating

where they find food

Choose one animal. Write:

- What it eats
- How it gets its food. Does it use a body part?

ZONE: TRICKY TONGUES & TREETOPS

DIFFERENT FOODS

Animals can be:

- plant eaters
- meat eaters
- eat both

LOOK...

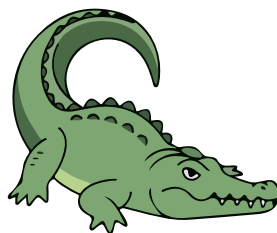
What is the animal eating?

THINK...

Which animals eat plants?

ACTIVITY...

Match animal to food.



LEAVES



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MEAT

ZONE: DAINTREE RAINFOREST

RAINFOREST ANIMALS

Rainforests have many plants and animals.

Some rainforest animals eat fruit and plants.

LOOK...

What can you see?

THINK...

Why do animals live here?

ACTIVITY

Draw and label a rainforest animal and its food.

ZONE: KANGAROO WALKABOUT

KANGAROO

Kangaroos eat grass and plants.

Baby kangaroos are called joeys.

LOOK...

What is the kangaroo eating?

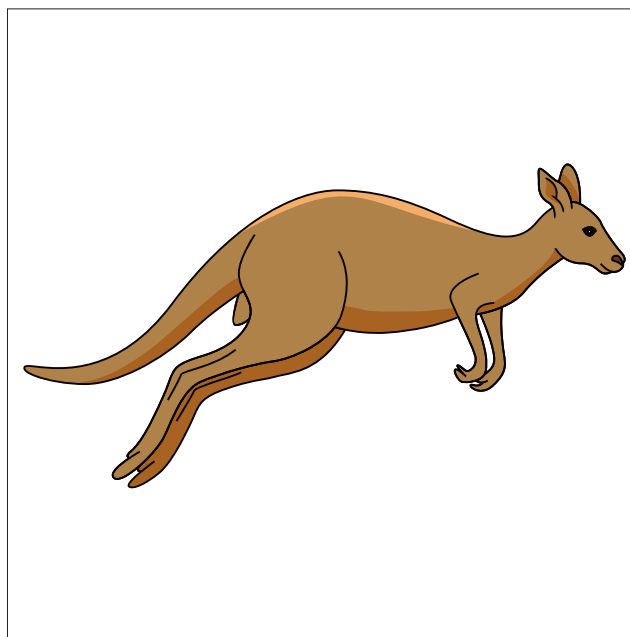
THINK...

Where does its food come from?

ACTIVITY...

Hop like a kangaroo!

Kangaroos eat _____.



ZONE: NIGHTFALL

NOCTURNAL ANIMALS

Some animals are awake at night.

Sugar gliders eat insects and plant foods.

LOOK...

Is the animal active?

THINK...

When does it eat?

ACTIVITY...

It eats _____ at night.



ZONE: CROCODILE BILLABONG

CROCODILE

Crocodiles eat other animals.

They are predators.

LOOK...

Where is the crocodile?

THINK...

What might it eat?

Draw:

Draw and label its food.

AFTER OUR VISIT TO THE ZOO

What did you see?

Draw and write: "I saw a _____. It eats in _____."

My favourite animal:

My favourite animal is

It's my favourite animal because

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BUSH ART

Activity 2.

Collect natural materials such as leaves, rocks and other things you can find in nature.

Create a picture of a habitat, and write one sentence about your picture.