



Food chains and webs

Background knowledge

All living things depend on one another for food. Plants make their own food. Some animals eat plants, and other animals eat animals that eat plants. Plant-eaters are called *herbivores* and animal-eaters are called *carnivores*. Some animals eat both plants and animals. They are called *omnivores*. The way in which living things depend on one another for food can be summarized in a *food chain* or a *food web*. An arrow is drawn to the living-thing that is eaten by another living-thing.

Science activity

Look at the pictures, and find the animals or plants that complete these food chains. Write their names in the spaces on the chart.

Plant makes food	Herbivore eats plant	Carnivore eats herbivore
Fern	_____	Thrush
Seaweed	Protoskink	_____
_____	Caterpillar	Robin
Corn	_____	_____



Seagull



Fish



Human



Oak leaf



Cow

Science investigation

Draw a food chain that shows a plant, an herbivore, and a carnivore. Use arrows to point to the animal doing the eating.

