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Eating

All animals and plants on Earth need food to give them energy to survive. Some animals only eat plants, they are called herbivores. Some animals only eat other animals, they are called carnivores. Other animals eat both meat and plants, they are called omnivores.

Herbivores often have special digestive systems which helps them to digest all kinds of plants including grasses, flowers, leaves, seeds, roots, fruits and the bark of trees.

Herbivores include animals such as cows, horses, deer, rabbits, sheep, goats, giraffes, kangaroos and possums.

Carnivores eat meat and have evolved special teeth and stomachs to allow them to eat and digest other animals to get the energy they need to survive. Carnivores include lions, tigers, snakes, spiders, kangaroos, hawks and scorpions.

Omnivores eat both plants and animals and their digestive system is designed to cope with both meat and plants. Humans are omnivores though some might choose not to eat meat. These people are called vegetarians. Raccoons, chickens, pigs and bears are also omnivores.