



plankton → jellyfish and starfish → minnows → sharks

Did you know that the ocean food chain begins with very small plants? The small plants make their own food from the sun's energy. In the ocean, there are very small animals called plankton. The little plankton eat the very small plants. The next link in the chain are jellyfish and starfish. These animals eat the plankton. Then, the jellyfish and starfish are eaten by small fish. These small fish are called minnows. Larger fish, such as sharks, then eat the smaller fish, the minnows.