

What's a producer?

All energy originally comes from 1) sun. Green plants can't hunt or shop for food, so they simply use sunlight and water to make it. Green plants usually start food chains. They 2) called **producers**.

What's a consumer?

Animals such 3) grasshoppers get their energy from eating green plants like leaves. As they only eat plants, 4) are called **herbivores**. **Carnivores**, like lions or some birds, only eat meat. **Omnivores** eat plants *and* animals. Anything that eats another plant or animal to get energy is called a **consumer**.

What's a decomposer?

The food chain ends with dead animals that **fungi** and **bacteria** use as food. 5) organisms **break down** the complex organic **compounds** which then return to the soil so that plants can use 6) again. That's how the food chain starts **all over again**.

Why is the food chain important?

The food chain **provides** the energy that all living things need in order to **survive**. If 7) is a break in the link in the chain, then all organisms above this link are in danger of **extinction**. Imagine 8) world without plants. How would animals survive?

Match the words with their meanings.

<i>producer (n):</i>	<i>from the beginning (сначала)</i>
<i>herbivores (n):</i>	<i>give (обеспечивать)</i>
<i>carnivores (n):</i>	<i>to continue to exist even after being in a dangerous situation (выживать)</i>
<i>omnivores (n):</i>	<i>substances (соединения)</i>
<i>consumer (n):</i>	<i>plants that have no flowers, leaves or green colouring (грибки)</i>
<i>fungi (n):</i>	<i>animals that eat both plants and animals (всеядные)</i>
<i>bacteria (n):</i>	<i>animals that eat plants only (травоядные)</i>
<i>break down (phr v):</i>	<i>animals that eat meat only (плотоядные)</i>
<i>compounds (n):</i>	<i>sb or sth that uses sth (потребитель)</i>
<i>all over again (exp):</i>	<i>the dying out of a species (вымирание)</i>
<i>provide (v):</i>	<i>decompose (уничтожать, разрушать)</i>
<i>survive (v):</i>	<i>very small organisms (бактерии)</i>
<i>extinction (n):</i>	<i>sb or sth that makes sth (производитель)</i>