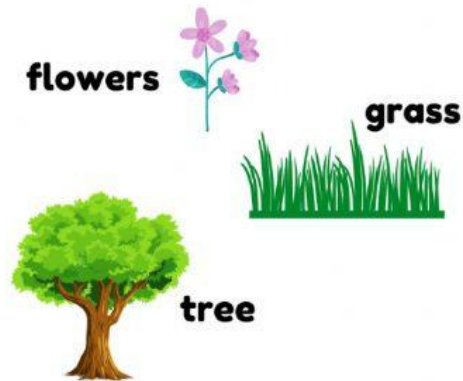


Producers, consumers and decomposers

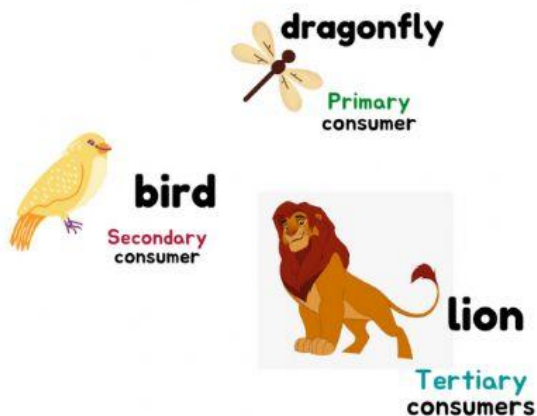
Producers

Every food chain begins with a producer. Plants are producers. **They make their own food.**



Consumers

Living things that **hunt, gather, and eat their food** are called consumers. Consumers eat to gain energy. There are three types of consumers: **primary, secondary, and tertiary.**



Decomposers

They break down dead plants and animals. They put nutrients back into the soil.

