Carnivores, Herbivores and Omnivores

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Herbivores eat **plants**. **Carnivores** eat **animals**. **Omnivores** eat **both**.

Word clues: *herb* = plant · *carn* = meat · *omni* = all

Who Eats What?



Animals can be sorted by what they eat.

Herbivores eat only plants, such as grass, leaves, fruit and seeds. Deer, rabbits, cows and giraffes are herbivores. Many herbivores have flat, wide teeth for grinding plants.

Carnivores eat only other animals. Lions, sharks, owls and wolves are carnivores. Many carnivores have sharp, pointed teeth or claws for catching and tearing meat.

Omnivores eat both plants and animals. Bears eat berries and fish. Raccoons eat fruit, insects and anything they find in your garbage! Many people are omnivores too. Omnivores have both sharp teeth and flat teeth.

1. Check your understanding

Circle the best answer.

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3. Why is a bear an omnivore?

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2. Sort the animals

Circle what kind of eater each animal is.

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2	wolf	herbivore	carnivore	omnivore
3	raccoon	herbivore	carnivore	omnivore
4	giraffe	herbivore	carnivore	omnivore
5	owl	herbivore	carnivore	omnivore
6	bear	herbivore	carnivore	omnivore

3. Think like a scientist

Answer in a complete sentence.

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Sample answer.

1. **Look at an animal's teeth. How could they help you guess what it eats?**
   Sharp, pointed teeth suggest it eats meat. Flat teeth suggest it eats plants. Both kinds suggest an omnivore.