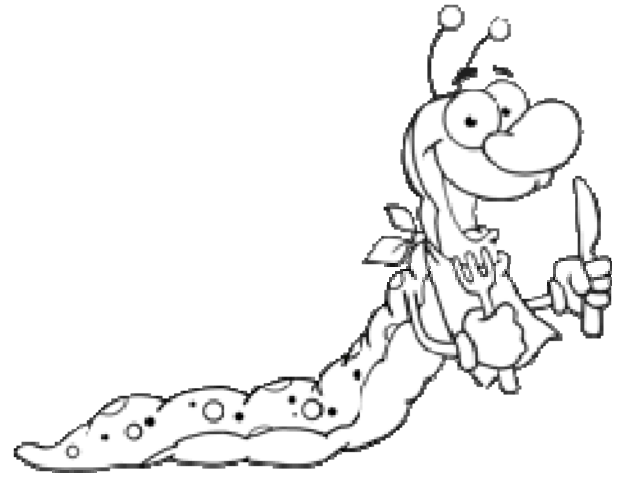


Some Ways Animals Gather Food

All animals need food. No matter where an animal lives, finding food is an important work it must do in order to survive. However, different animals differ in the food they eat. They also differ in the way they get their food. Animals obtain their food a number of ways such as:



- 1) Scavenging for scraps that other animals have left behind
- 2) Killing and eating other animals
- 3) Collect and gather vegetation

Many animals have special kinds of teeth. Some teeth are for biting and tearing, while others are for grinding. Dogs, cats, lions, tigers and wolves have pointed canines (teeth); they use these teeth for ripping and tearing their prey to pieces. They use their molars for grinding the meat.

Herbivores like cows, horses, sheep and giraffes have broad, flat molars (teeth). They use their molars to chew and mash plants and grass etc.

Some kinds of **owl** hunt for food at night. These owls have a very keen sense of hearing. If a mouse is around, the owl can determine exactly where it is by the noise it makes. Then it swoops down and catches the mouse with its sharp claws and eats it.

Frogs have tongues that can move fast and catch insects. **Turtles** have no teeth, but they have a beak with a sharp edge which they use for cutting food. Some have strong jaws with which they capture their prey. Turtles eat plants and animals.

Some **fish** feed on plants, while others feed on animals. Some fish have teeth; others have none. The shark has strong jaws and triangular teeth which bite into its prey. A piranha can tear its prey to pieces with its razor sharp teeth.

Some fish can leap from the water to grab an insect or a plant near the water. Oysters, clams and mussels use their gills for feeding. **Snakes** swallow their prey whole. They have teeth that curve back toward the throat. They use their teeth to pull the prey back to the throat.



The Ways Animal Gather Food Writing Activity

1. Why do some animals have flat teeth? How does it help them in getting food?

2. Write three different ways in which animals obtain food?

3. Explain in your own words, how does a fish get its food?

4. Is it possible that Herbivore animals (like cows or goats) starts eating flesh?

Hint : Think in perspective of their teeth

