

What Do Animals Eat?

Animals can be sorted by the types of food they eat. All animals are herbivores, carnivores or omnivores.



Carnivores

Carnivores are animals which eat other animals.

Here are some examples of carnivores:



Lions eat other animals, such as young elephants, giraffes and antelope.



Barn owls eat mice, shrews, voles and sometimes even frogs.



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Frogs eat insects like flies and moths.



Tuna eat other fish, such as mackerel.



Snakes, like the adder, eat small animals like mice, voles, frogs and newts.



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Herbivores

Herbivores eat plants, seeds and nuts.

Here are some examples of herbivores:

Giraffes eat leaves and twigs.



Cows eat grass.



Blue tangs eat algae.



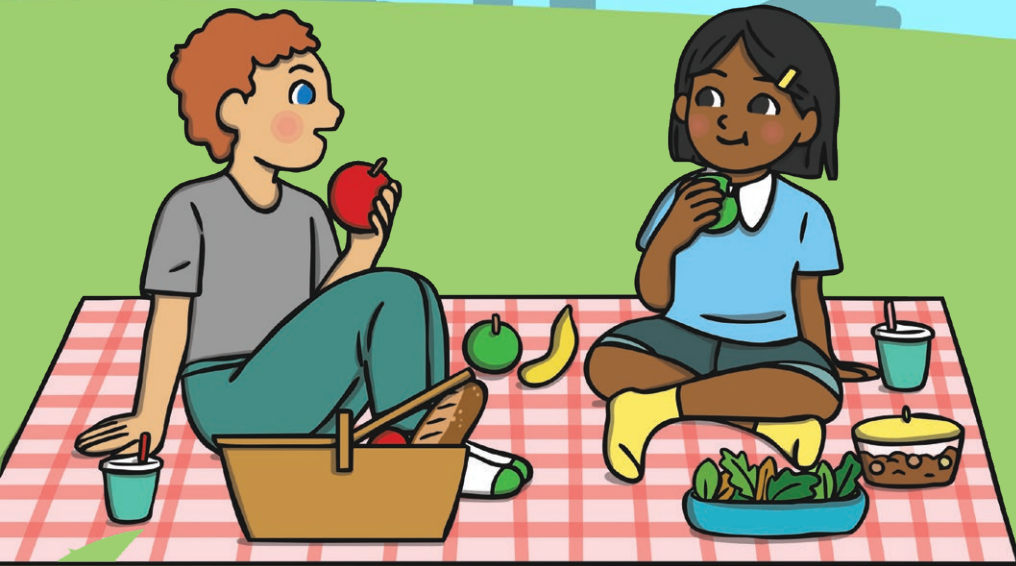
Greenfinches eat seeds.



Can you think of any other animals that only eat plants?

Omnivores

Omnivores eat meat and plants. Humans are omnivores but some humans choose to become **vegetarian** or **vegan** and not eat meat.



Some birds, such as robins, eat plants and meat.



Some mammals, such as mice and hedgehogs, eat seeds, plants and meat.



Some fish, such as goldfish, eat aquatic plants, as well as insects, larvae and fish eggs.

