

Plants vs Animals

READ ALOUD PASSAGE

Plants and animals are both living things, but they get their energy in very different ways. Plants make their own food using sunlight, water, and a gas from the air called carbon dioxide. This process is called photosynthesis. Plants do not need to move around to find food because they can make it right where they are.

Animals cannot make their own food. They must eat other organisms to get the energy they need. Some animals eat plants. These are called herbivores. Some animals eat other animals. These are called carnivores. Some animals eat both plants and animals. These are called omnivores.

There are some tricky cases. Fungi, like mushrooms, look like plants because they do not move around, but they cannot make their own food. They get their energy by breaking down dead matter. Coral looks like a plant but is actually an animal.

The most important difference to remember is this: plants make their own food through photosynthesis, and animals must consume food to get their energy. Almost all animals depend on plants in the end, because even animals that eat other animals are eating animals that ate plants.

Activity 1: Word Builder

Answer each question with your own words.

1. List four nouns you could sort into plants and animals.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

2. Animals eat food. List three better verbs for eat.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Activity 2: Sentence Scramble

These words are mixed up. Put them in order to make a sentence. Start with a capital letter and end with a period.

1. process / called / photosynthesis / this / is

Activity 3: Match the Endings

Draw a line from each sentence start to the ending that makes sense.

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| 1. A sunflower makes its own food because | ● | ● A. it does not need to move to find food. |
| 2. A sunflower makes its own food, but | ● | ● B. a mushroom cannot. |
| 3. A sunflower makes its own food, so | ● | ● C. it uses sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide. |

Activity 4: Sentence Scramble

These words are mixed up. Put them in order to make a sentence. Start with a capital letter and end with a period.

1. own / their / plants / food / make

2. must / animals / living / other / things / eat

3. coral / actually / is / animal / an
