

# PUBLIC SCHOOL DARBHANGA



CLASS-3

## FOOD AND FEEDING HABITS OF ANIMALS

Why do Animals Need Food?

- ▶ Animals need food to grow:-
- ▶ Have you seen a cow grazing in a field?
- ▶ Have you seen cat chasing a mouse?

- ▶ They do so because they need food.
- ▶ All animals need food. Animals need food to grow. You may have seen little kittens.
- ▶ How greedily they suck their mother's milk! Slowly a tiny kitten grows into a big cat.
- ▶ A pet dog is usually healthier than a straw dog.
- ▶ It is because a straw dog does not get enough food, animals need food to stay healthy.
- ▶ Animals need food for energy.

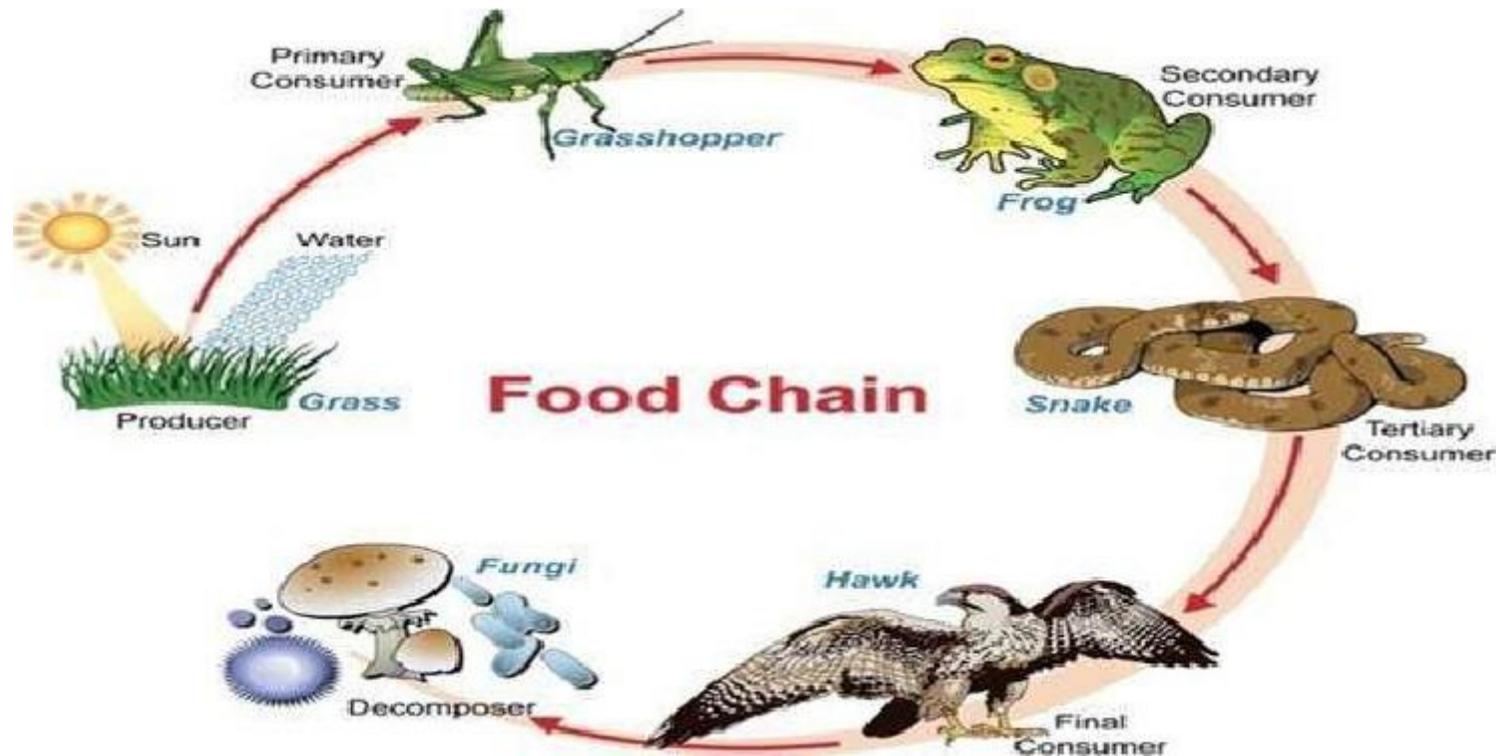
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- ▶ Some animals help us with our work, they need energy to work. They also need energy to move about. They get this energy from the food they eat. All animals need food to grow to work and to stay healthy.



# All animals depend on plants for food — Food chain

- ▶ Some animals eat plants. Some animals eat plant eating animals. Some animal eat both plant and animals. Thus all animals depend on plants for their food. This is like a chain and is called a food chain.



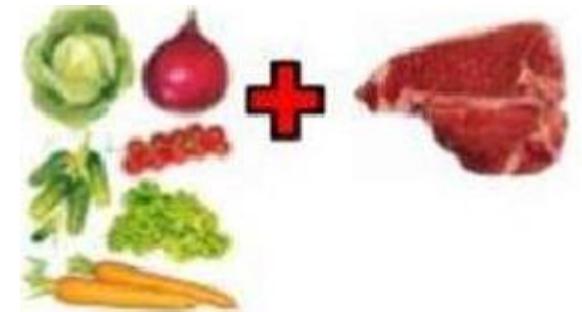
# HERBIVORES



# CARNIVORES



# OMNIVORES



## Food for Domestic animals

Domestic animals do a lot of work for us. We should feed them well to keep them healthy and active. Animals like oxen, horse's camels, elephant, mules and donkeys carry loads or work in the fields. They need energy giving food. So they should be feed on Oat and fodder. Animals like cow's buffalos and goats give us milk. They need milk producing food. So they should be feed on grass and oil seeds.



▶ How animals feed

▶ Different animals feed different types of food. The feeding habits of animals depend on the type of food it eats.

▶ The mouth of an animal is suited to the type of food it eats.

Animals that swallow their food whole

▶ Some flesh eating animals like snakes and frogs swallow their food whole. They do not bite or

chew their food, so they do not have biting or chewing teeth.

- ▶ Frogs eats insects, it has long and sticky tongue.

that get stuck on the tongue makes a tasty meal for  
It shoots out its tongue to catch insects; the insect  
the frog.



Animals that tear and chew flesh ▶  
Some flesh eating animals like lions, tiger's foxes and dog chew flesh and bones, so they have very sharp pointed and curved front teeth to tear flesh. They also have strong grinding teeth and back of their mouths.



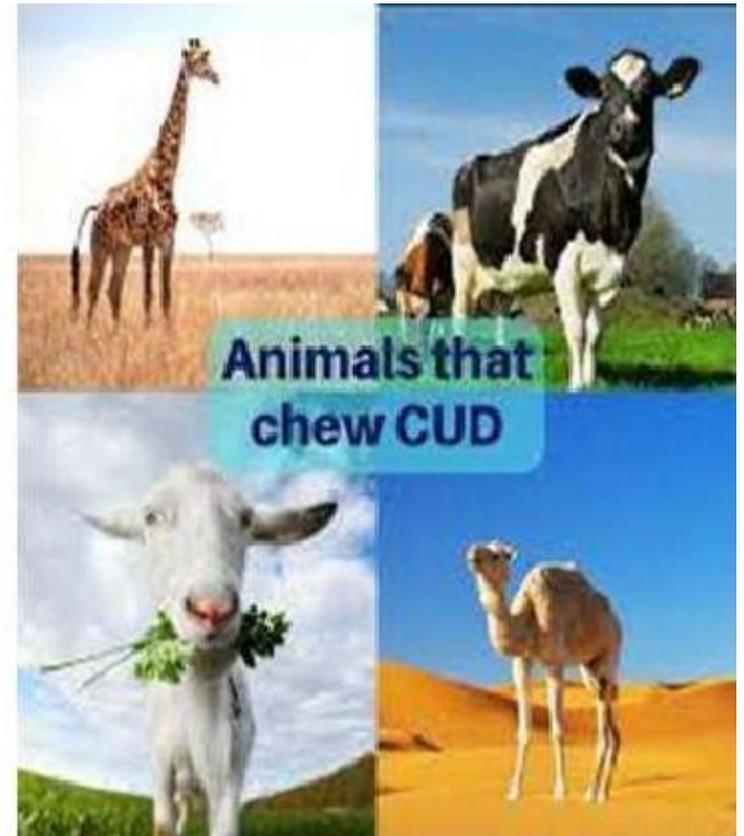
Animals gnaw

▶ Gnaw means to bite something repeatedly to chew it hard. Animals like rabbits, rats and squirrels gnaw their food and have very sharp front teeth. These teeth help them to bite In . O and foods.



Animals that grass and chew curd ▶  
Some grass eating animals like cows buffalos and sheep's first swallow grass without chewing it after some time they bring it back into their mouths, then they chew it with their grinding teeth. This called chewing the curd. They also have biting front teeth to cut the grass. Watch these animals graze u can actually hear the sound they make.

Animals that lap milk or water ▶  
Animals like cats and dogs lap milk or water with their tongue.



## FEEDING HABITS OF SOME OTHER ANIMALS

- ▶ The trunk of elephant helps it to eat and drink. It uses its trunk to uproot grass and leaf off branches from trees. The elephant also uses its trunk suck up water and then shoots the water like a fountain into its mouth. It uses its trunk to have showered also.
- ▶ An earthworm swallows soil which has parts of dead plants and animals in it. A butterfly has long sucking tube. It uses this to suck nectar from flowers. Mosquitoes and leeches suck



blood from the bodies of another animal.

## DOMESTIC ANIMALS NEED CARE

- ▶ All animals need protection and care. Domestic animals serve us well if we take good care of them. Food and water must be given to them in clean vessels.
- ▶ Their shelters must be cleaned regularly. Sick animals must be treated in time. We must always be kind to animals.

