

GRADE 4 LEARNING PACK

Ecosystems, Food Webs & Adaptation

Explain feeding relationships and how organism features can support survival in particular environments.

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Original BrightPencil Kids resource - adult-led where appropriate

A4 edition • 12 purposeful pages • review copy

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Grown-up guide

Learning objective

Explain feeding relationships and how organism features can support survival in particular environments.

Use this pack well

- Model the first example aloud, then let the learner try.
- Ask “How do you know?” more often than “Are you finished?”.
- Use real objects, talk, movement or observation when the activity suggests it.
- Stop or shorten the session if attention or enjoyment drops.
- Open-ended pages can have many successful answers.

Quality note

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Learn the idea

1 Food chains show energy transfer; connected chains form food webs.

2 Producers form the base of many food chains.

3 Adaptations are inherited or developed features/behaviours that improve survival/reproduction in context.

Talk about it

Explain one idea in your own words. Give an example from real life, a drawing or an object if that helps.

Build a food chain from plant, insect, bird and hawk.

Turn three chains into a simple food web.

Predict one consequence if a key food source decreases.

Match features such as camouflage or specialised beaks to environmental challenges.

Explain why an adaptation useful in one environment may not help in another.

Try it beyond the page

Real-world / hands-on connection

Observe a local habitat from a respectful distance and record possible producer/consumer relationships without disturbing wildlife.

Before you finish

What did you notice?

What evidence, object or example helped you?

What would you change if you tried again?

Create something

Your project

Create a fictional habitat food web with at least five organisms and one change scenario.

Use this space for planning, drawing, mapping, designing or notes.

CHALLENGE

Think deeper

1. What is a producer?

2. Why are food webs more realistic than one simple chain?

3. Are adaptations useful in every environment?

Quick review

1. In one sentence, explain the big idea of “Ecosystems, Food Webs & Adaptation”.

2. Draw or write one example that shows you understand.

3. Choose one activity from this pack and explain the strategy you used.

4. Write one question you still have.

Answer & discussion notes

Use these as guidance, not scripts. Open questions can have different successful responses when the reasoning is sensible and evidence-based.

1. Suggested response

An organism such as a green plant that makes its own food.

2. Suggested response

Organisms often have multiple feeding relationships.

3. Suggested response

No.

Review before publication

Check age fit, factual accuracy, clarity, accessibility, rights provenance and whether the activity works in practice. This file remains a review copy until those checks are signed off.

FINISH

My learning reflection

I finished this BrightPencil learning pack.

One thing I understand better now:

A strategy that helped me:

Something I created or noticed:

My next small question or goal:

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