What Do I Eat?

When we talk about what animals eat, there's a few different words we use to describe them: carnivore, herbivore, and omnivore. Being a carnivore means that you eat meat, and being an herbivore means that you eat plants. Being an omnivore means that you eat both meat and plants. In this activity, you will look at pictures of different animals that we have in our museum, and you'll identify whether they are a carnivore, herbivore, or omnivore.

Instructions

1. Look at the photos on the next two pages, and identify the carnivores (animals who eat meat).
2. Look at the photos on the next two pages, and identify the herbivores (animals who eat plants).
3. Look at the photos on the next two pages, and identify the omnivores (animals who eat meat and plants).
4. Check the last page to see if you identified all of the animals correctly!
5. Think about your favorite foods, and what you eat. Are you a carnivore, an herbivore, or an omnivore?
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**Answers:**

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1. Muskrat - *omnivore* - grass, cattails, fish, freshwater mussels
2. Polar bear - *carnivore* - seals, marine mammals
3. Bald eagle - *carnivore* - fish and small mammals
4. Zebra - *herbivore* - grass
5. Cougar - *carnivore* - deer, coyotes, porcupines, raccoons
6. American badger - *carnivore* - insects, rodents, some birds

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7. Nyala - *herbivore* - grass, seeds, fruits
8. Black bear - *omnivore* - grass, roots, berries, insects, fish, mammals
9. Snowy owl - *carnivore* - lemmings, rabbits, rodents, fish
10. Musk ox - *herbivore* - roots, moss, lichen, arctic flowers, grass
11. Eastern gray squirrel - *omnivore* - nuts, acorns, seeds, fruits, and sometimes bird eggs and insects
12. Lion - *carnivore* - zebra, wildebeest, smaller mammals, rodents