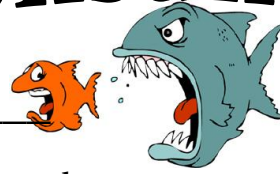


Consumers



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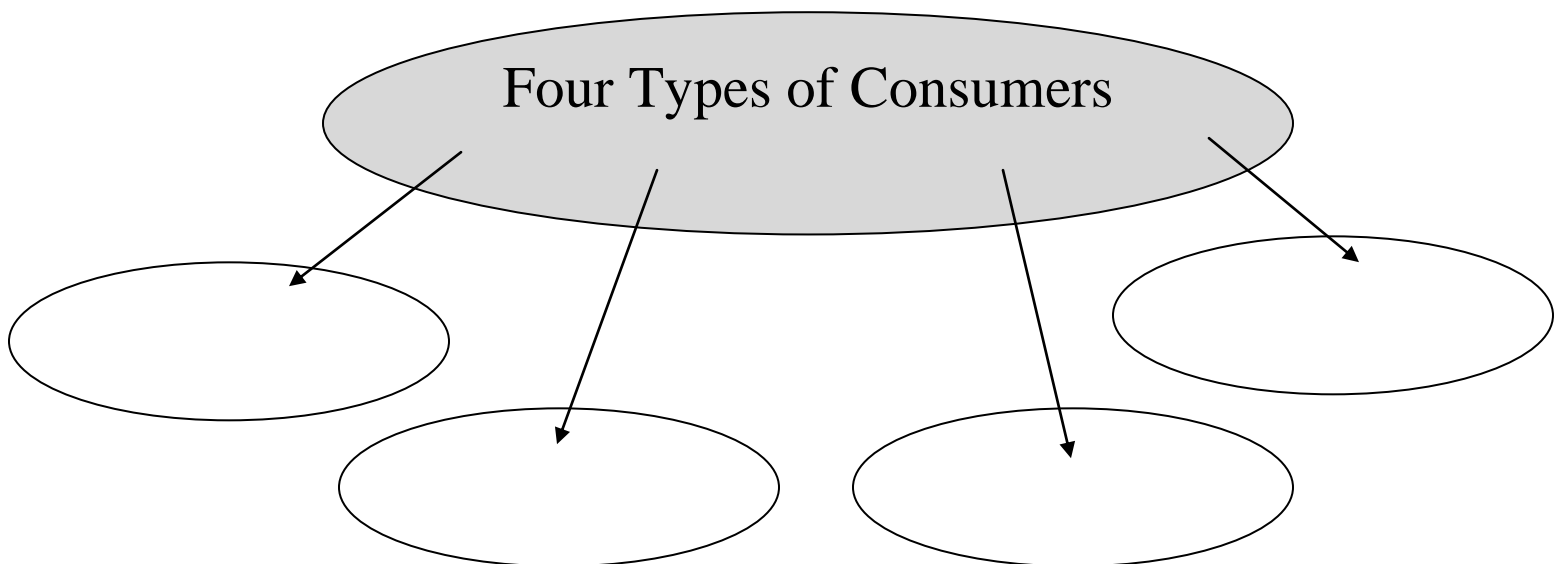
Producers can make their own food and energy, but consumers are different. Living things that have to hunt, gather and eat their food are called consumers. Consumers have to eat to gain energy or they will die. There are four types of consumers: omnivores, carnivores, herbivores and decomposers.

Herbivores are living things that only eat plants to get the food and energy they need. Animals like whales, elephants, cows, pigs, rabbits, and horses are herbivores.

Carnivores are living things that only eat meat. Animals like owls, tigers, sharks and cougars are carnivores. You would not catch a plant in these animals' mouths.

Then, we have the omnivores. Omnivores will eat both plants and animals to get energy. Whichever food source is abundant or available is what they will eat. Animals like the brown bear, dogs, turtles, raccoons and even some people are omnivores.

At last, we have the decomposers. Decomposers break down dead plant and animal material into small particles. This material puts nutrients back into the soil to be reused. Mushrooms and earthworms are great examples of decomposers.



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What types of food do these consumers eat?

| Omnivores | Carnivores | Herbivores | Decomposers |
|---|--|--|---|
| Define | Define | Define | Define |
| Illustrate foods they eat | Illustrate foods they eat | Illustrate foods they eat | Illustrate foods they eat |
| List examples of living things that are omnivores | List examples of living things that are carnivores | List examples of living things that are herbivores | List examples of living things that are decomposers |

What type of consumer are you?



Draw and label three of your favorite things to consume.

Three large, empty pentagonal shapes arranged horizontally, intended for drawing and labeling favorite things to consume.