# **Food Webs**

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What is a food web, and how does it represent the flow of matter and energy in an ecosystem?

# Question 2

Explain the roles of producers, consumers, and decomposers in a food web. Can you give an example of each from your local area?

#### Question 3

What might happen to the rest of the food web if a top predator, like a lion, was removed?

# Question 4

How do decomposers help the ecosystem stay healthy?

#### Question 5

Why is it important to have many different species in a food web?

# Question 6

If humans overhunt an animal, like a fish species, how could that impact the rest of the food web?

# Question 7

How does the removal of plants, like seaweed, affect animals higher up in an aquatic food web?

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#### Question 1

How does removing a top predator, like a tiger, affect herbivore populations and plant growth in its ecosystem?

### Question 2

What happens to a food web's stability if a keystone species is removed? Can you give an example?

# Question 3

Why are decomposers considered essential for recycling matter in an ecosystem? How would a food web change without them?

#### Question 4

How might climate change affect producers in a food web, and what would that mean for the rest of the ecosystem?

#### Question 5

Explain how the loss of biodiversity in a food web can make it more fragile and vulnerable to collapse.

# Question 6

What could happen if invasive species were introduced to a food web? Use an example, like rabbits in Australia.

#### Question 7

How could overfishing or deforestation lead to the collapse of an entire food web? Provide specific examples.

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Question 1
What is a food web? Can you name one animal that is part of it?
Question 2
What does a producer do in a food web? Can you name one?
Question 3
What does a consumer eat in a food web? Can you name a consumer?
Question 4
What is a decomposer, and why is it important? Can you name one?
Question 5
What happens to herbivores if there are no plants to eat?
Question 6
If a predator like a fox disappears, what might happen to the animals it eats?
Question 7
Can you name a plant and an animal that might be in the same food web?
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