

# PRODUCERS & CONSUMERS

## GRADES 3<sup>RD</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup>



### Producers and Consumers

A **producer** is a living thing that makes its own food from sunlight, air, and soil. Green plants are producers who make food in their leaves.

A **consumer** is a living thing that cannot make its own food. Consumers get their energy by eating food. All animals are consumers.

A **decomposer** is a living thing that gets energy by breaking down dead plants and animals. Fungi and bacteria are the most common decomposers.

Tell whether each living thing below is a *producer*, *consumer*, or *decomposer*.

a. mango tree - \_\_\_\_\_

b. eagle - \_\_\_\_\_

c. mushroom - \_\_\_\_\_

d. banana - \_\_\_\_\_

e. butterfly - \_\_\_\_\_

f. bamboo - \_\_\_\_\_

g. panther - \_\_\_\_\_

h. bacteria - \_\_\_\_\_

i. roses - \_\_\_\_\_

j. blue bird - \_\_\_\_\_

k. snake - \_\_\_\_\_

l. shark - \_\_\_\_\_

# FLORIDA WILDLIFE PUZZLE

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Use the clues below to help you unscramble the following Florida words in order to solve the final puzzle.

1. OFADRIL (The only place in the world where you can find both alligators and crocodiles.)

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2. TRLAGOAIL (One of Florida's keystone species.)

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3. LOSW (Silent nocturnal hunters.)

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4. GRELVEDEAS (Florida's famous habitat name.)

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5. RUCSB YAJ (This bird is found only in Florida.)

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6. LADB GAELE (Once almost extinct due to DDT, now is off the endangered species list.)

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7. NIPE ASKNE (A slithery critter that lives in Florida's pine forests.)

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8. SCRPEZY (A type of tree that grows directly out of fresh water.)

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9. VIRER TRETO (A mammal found in Florida's wetlands.)

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10. RONAMESVG (A type of tree that grows directly out of salt water.)

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What is Florida's greatest ecosystem threat today?

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Do some research on your own in order to answer the following questions:

What is the cause of this problem?

What will it do to our entire ecosystem?

What can we do to help prevent it?



# ANIMAL FEEDING STRATEGIES

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Many English words come from Latin. *Vorare* is a Latin word meaning *to eat*. So English words that end in *vore* mean *eater*. *Herbivore*, *Carnivore*, *Omnivore*, and *Insectivore* are four words that end in *vore*. Use this information to find the answers.

What is an herbivore? Hint: *Herb* is Latin for plant.

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What is a carnivore? Hint: *Carn* is Latin for flesh or meat.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

What is an omnivore? Hint: *Omni* is Latin for all or everything.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

What is an insectivore?

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Label the animal below as herbivore, carnivore, omnivore, or insectivore:



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What type of eaters are jaguars?

5. \_\_\_\_\_

What type of eaters are anteaters?

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What type of eaters are Aldabra tortoises?

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What type of eaters are opossums?

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