

<u>SCIENCE</u> THE LIFE OF ANIMALS





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LESSON-2

THE LIFE OF ANIMALS

BEFORE WE PROCEED

- Do all animals have same habits?
- Are animals divided based on food habits? How do animals breathe?
- Why should animals move?

- How do animals eat ?
- ✤ How do animals move ?



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survive, carnivores, herbivores, omnivores, insectivores, respiration, movement, endangered, extinct

et us find out more about the animals

All animals need food, water, air and shelter to survive. They roam over a large area. They need space enough to find food, water, shelter and a mate.







Lion





Some animals live on land while some live in lakes, rivers and oceans. Some fly in air. Animals move differently and eat different kinds of food. They have different food habits.

Do you know?

Zebra and tiger have stripes on their bodies which help them in hiding behind the long grass and plants.

On the basis of food habits, living beings can be classified into following classes :

1. Carnivores

Carnivores feed on flesh only. Construction of the claws, teeth and beak or mouth of these animals suits to tear the flesh. Lion, tiger, fox, wolf, cat etc. are carnivores.



They have long, sharp and pointed teeth. They can also chew the bones easily. These animals have strong claws and sharp nails.

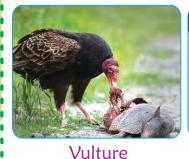








Carnivorous birds such as the vulture, eagle and kite have strong pointed and curved beaks which help them to tear the flesh of their prey. They also have strong sharp claws that help to hold the flesh while tearing it.





Eagle

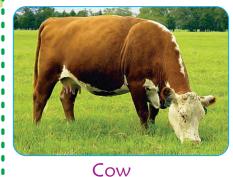
Do you know?

Giant Panda of China, African Elephant, Blue Whale and Cheetah are endangered animals which may become extinct very soon.



2. Herbivores

Herbivores feed on plants and grass only. Such animals have sharp front teeth to cut their food easily. Their hind teeth are broad and strong enough to chew the food. Cow, buffalo, goat, zebra, giraffe, elephant, deer etc. are herbivores.





Zebra





Some herbivores such as cow, buffalo etc. first cut and swallow their food quickly and then bring it back to their mouth and chew it. The process of bringing back the food into mouth to chew it later is called rumination.

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Think and Do

Name any Six Herbivorous Animals

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3. Omnivores

Some animals feed on both plants and animals. They are called omnivores. They have different types of teeth that help in cutting, tearing and grinding the food.











Dog

Cat

Cockroach

Bear

Animals such as dog, cat, cockroach, bear, etc are omnivores. Human beings also come under this category.

Insectivores

Animals which feed on insects only are called insectivores. Frogs, spiders and some birds are such type of animals. Frog's tongue is very sticky. When it wants to catch the prey, the tongue comes out with a jerk and the prey sticks on it. Then the insect is pulled into the mouth.

Do you know?

Chameleon is a lizard that can change its body colour to match with its surroundings. It can be green on a green leaf, yellow on yellow sand or grey on grey rock. This is called camouflage.

Frogs and ducks have webbed feet which help them to swim in water.







Humming bird



Butterfly

The spider traps the insects in its web.

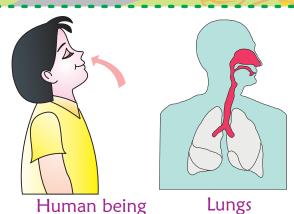
Some animals feed only on liquids. Their mouth parts help them to suck their food. A butterfly has a long feeding tube (proboscis), with which it sucks nectar from flowers. When it is not feeding, the tube coils up under its head in the form of a spring.

Humming birds have long beaks to suck nectar from flowers.

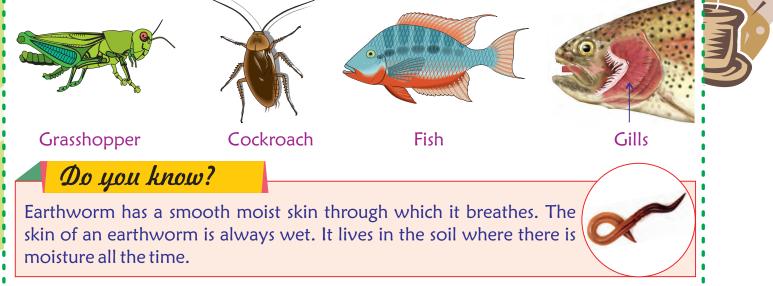


Respiration

Every organism needs energy to perform its vital activities. Animals breathe through different organs. Human beings, mammals and many animals breathe through lungs. Fish breathe through gills.



Insects like cockroaches, grasshoppers and flies have tiny air holes called spiracles on their bodies, with which they breathe.



Movement

Movement is a characteristic of an animal. Most animals are able to move from place to place. The common movements are – walking, running, leaping, jumping, climbing, galloping, crawling, flying and swimming.



A fish lives in water all the time. It has fins to swim. A fish has a long and thin body, which is pointed at both ends. This shape helps it to cut through the water easily as it moves. Frogs use their webbed feet to swim. Their front legs are shorter than the hind legs. They use their long back legs to hop and jump on the land.

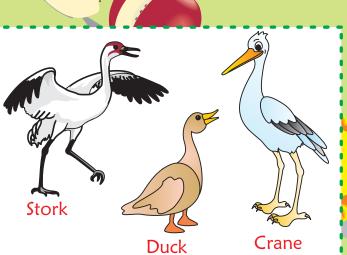




Water birds like stork and crane have long thin legs that are useful for wading through water.

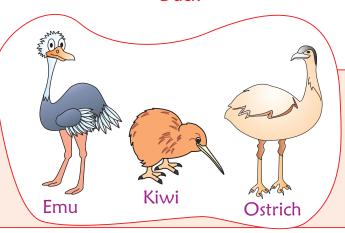
Ducks dive to the bottom of the pond to find insects living in the mud. Ducks have webbed feet.

Most birds can walk on land and fly in air. They have wings to fly and legs to walk. Their bodies are very light. A bird's bones are hollow which make it light to fly.



Do you know?

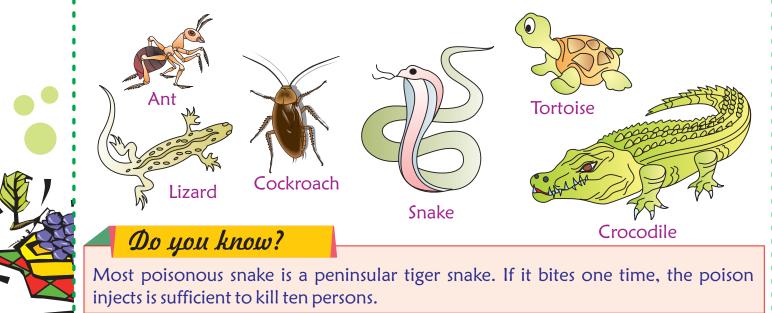
Some birds are not capable of flying. Emu, Kiwi and Ostrich are flightless birds with weak wings.



Most insects have two pairs of wings. Their wings are attached to muscles present inside the skeleton. Ants and cockroaches crawl.

Grasshoppers and locusts leap as they move on the ground. They can also fly. Lizards, crocodiles and tortoises have legs with which they crawl on the ground. Snakes crawl with the help of scales. Most mammals have four limbs.

The two limbs at the front are called fore limbs and the two at the back are called hind limbs.



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The animals show different kinds of behaviour. On the basis of habits, animals can be of the following types :

1. Diurnal Animals

Animals which are active during the day time are called diurnal animals. Some diurnal animals are sparrow, crow, lion, dog etc.

They move around and eat during the day time.

Crow



Sparrow

Animals which are active during the night are called nocturnal animals. Some nocturnal animals are owl, cat, bat, cockroach, earthworm, firefly etc. They move and eat mainly during the night time.

C Key Ideas

★ All animals need food, water, air and shelter to survive.

Cat

★ Animals are classified into-carnivores, herbivores, omnivores and insectivores.

Owl

- ★ Different animals have different feeding organs.
- ★ Animals use different organs for breathing.
- ★ Movement in animals is mainly in search of food, shelter, mating and protection.

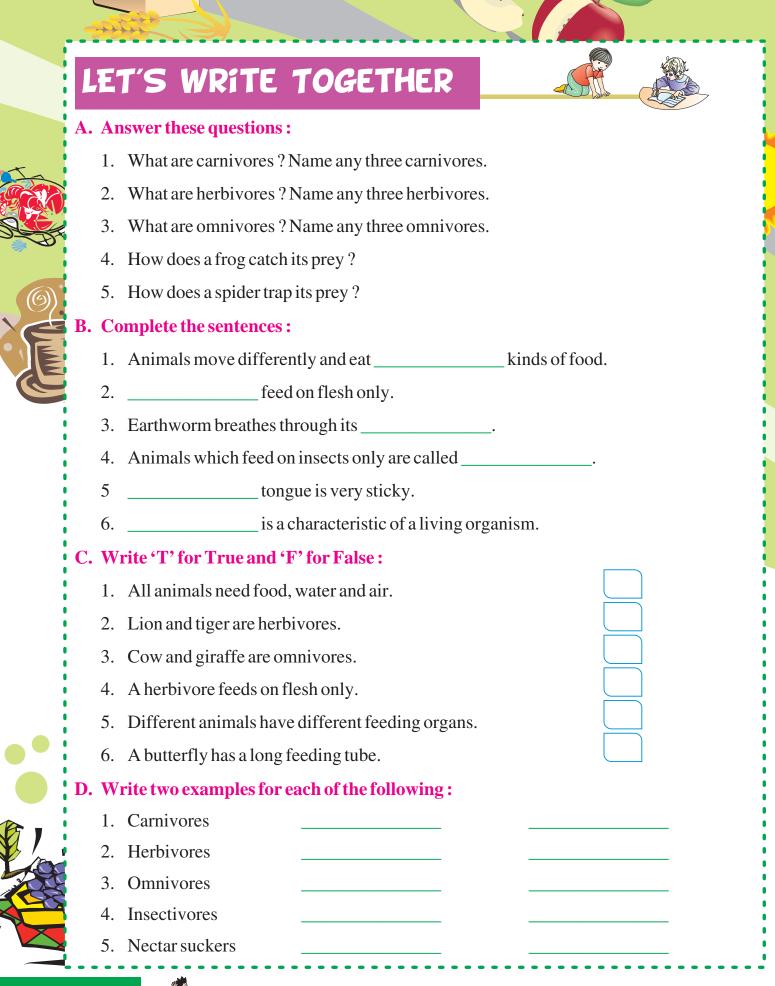


Dog

Cockroach

Firefly

Bat





C. Collect pictures of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores & paste in your scrap book.

GLOSSARY

Survive	-	to continue to live or exist
Carnivore	-	any animal that eats only meat
Herbivore	-	any animal that eats only plants
Omnivore	-	an animal or a person that eats all types of food especially both plants and meat
Insectivore	-	any animal that eats insects
Respiration	-	the act of breathing
Shelter	-	a place to live or stay, for giving protection
Mate	-	either of a pair of birds or animals of different sex
Extinct	-	of a type of plant, animal etc. no longer in existence
Surroundings	-	everything that is around or near
Proboscis	-	the long flexible nose of some animals
Nectar	-	a sweet liquid that is produced by flowers and collected by bees for making honey
Skeleton	-	the structure of bones that supports the body of a person or an animal
Vulture	-	a large bird, usually without feathers on its head or neck, that eats the flesh of animals that are already dead
Eagle	-	a large bird of prey that kills other creatures for food

