

# Food Chains of the Marsh

A **food chain** shows the feeding relationships between animals.

Draw arrows to show who eats whom.



Plankton



Mullet

(Small Fish)



Red Drum

(Bigger Fish)

Osprey

(Bird)

Circle the pictures of consumers.



What are at the beginning of food chains?

- A. Producers    B. Consumers

Plants are called **producers** because plants can produce their own \_\_\_\_\_.

Animals that have to find food to eat are called

- A. Producers    B. Consumers



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Owl's Creek has many food chains. When food chains link together, they are called **food webs**.

**Draw arrows to show who eats whom.**

**Producer**



Plankton

**Primary Consumer**



Snail



Mullet Fish



Oyster

**Secondary Consumer**



Spot



Cobia



Blue Crab

**Tertiary Consumer**



Great Blue Heron

A **predator** is an animal that eats another animal (**the prey**). In the picture above, a blue crab is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_. The oyster that it eats is its \_\_\_\_\_.

Animals have many different adaptations for capturing and eating their food.

**Match each animal to its special adaptation. Write your answer below.**

Answer Choices: A—Claws, B— Camouflage, C—Tube Mouth, D—Paws



Snapping Turtle



River Otter



Blue Crab



Seahorse

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