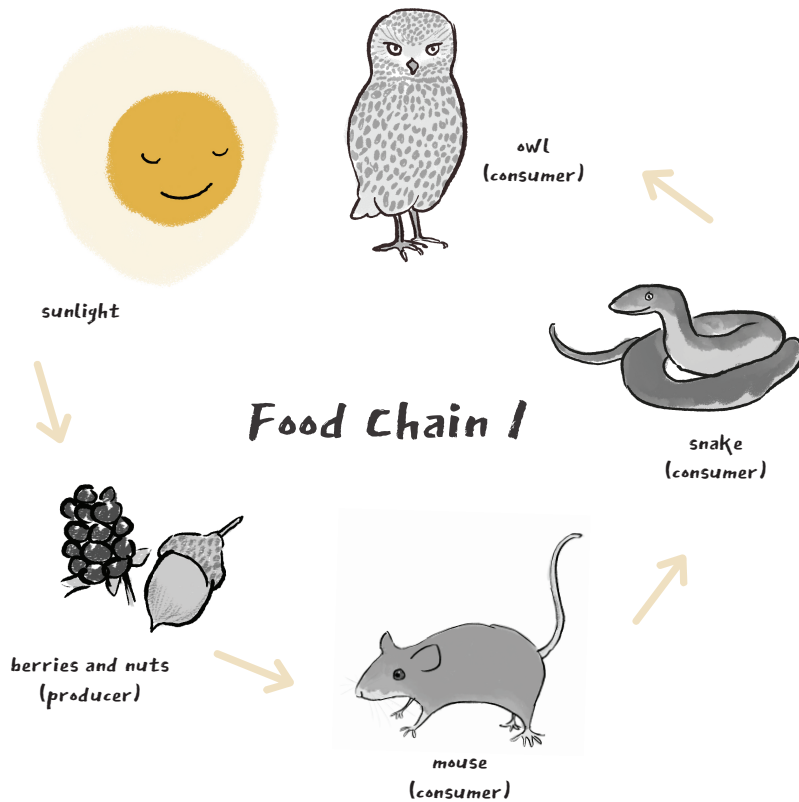


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When learning about food chains, it's useful to keep the following facts in mind:

- The sun provides food for the producer, which uses light from the sun to produce its own food.
- A food chain describes the hierarchy whereby one organism depends on the next as a food source.
- There exist a wide variety of food chains, depending on the ecosystem.
- A food chain typically begins with plants, which exist at the bottom of a food chain.

Look at the food chains pictured below, then answer the accompanying questions.



Food Chain 1

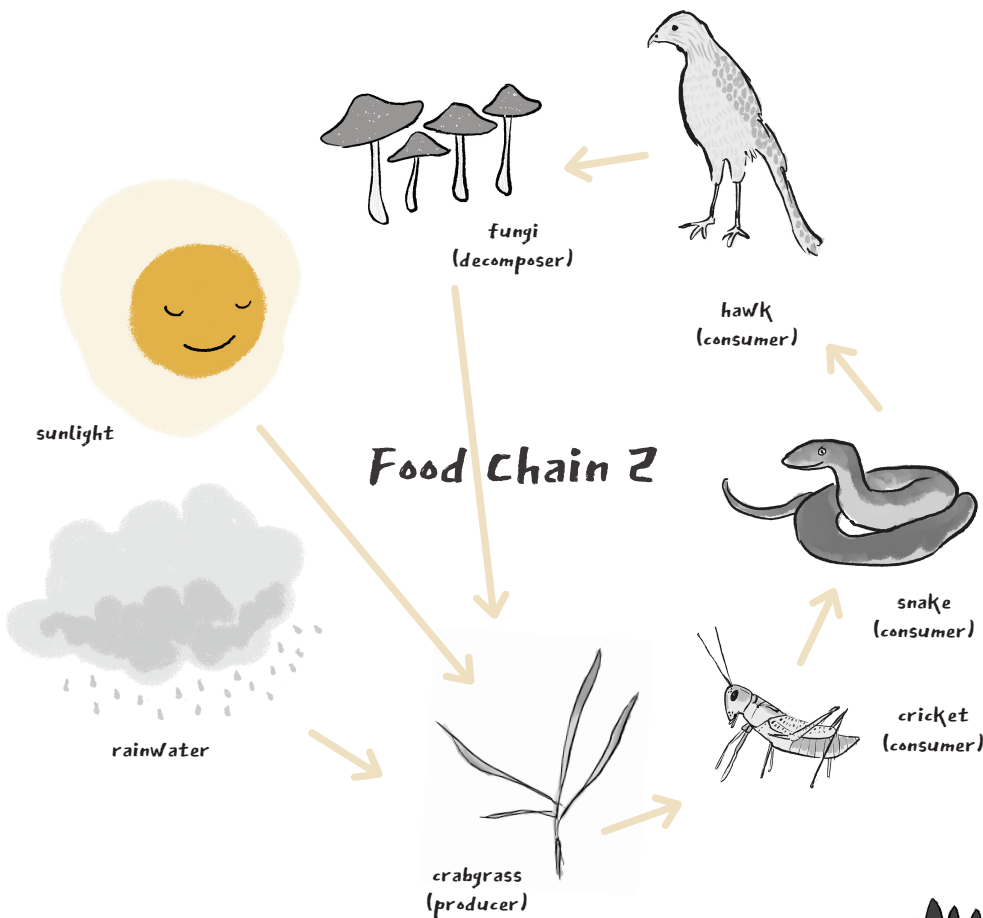
1. What do the arrows depict?

The feeding relationship.

2. Who is at the top of this food chain?

The owl.

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Food Chain 2

1. What does the hawk eat?

The snake.

2. What three things does the grass need in order to survive?

1. Rain

2. Sun

3. Fungi

Food Chain 3

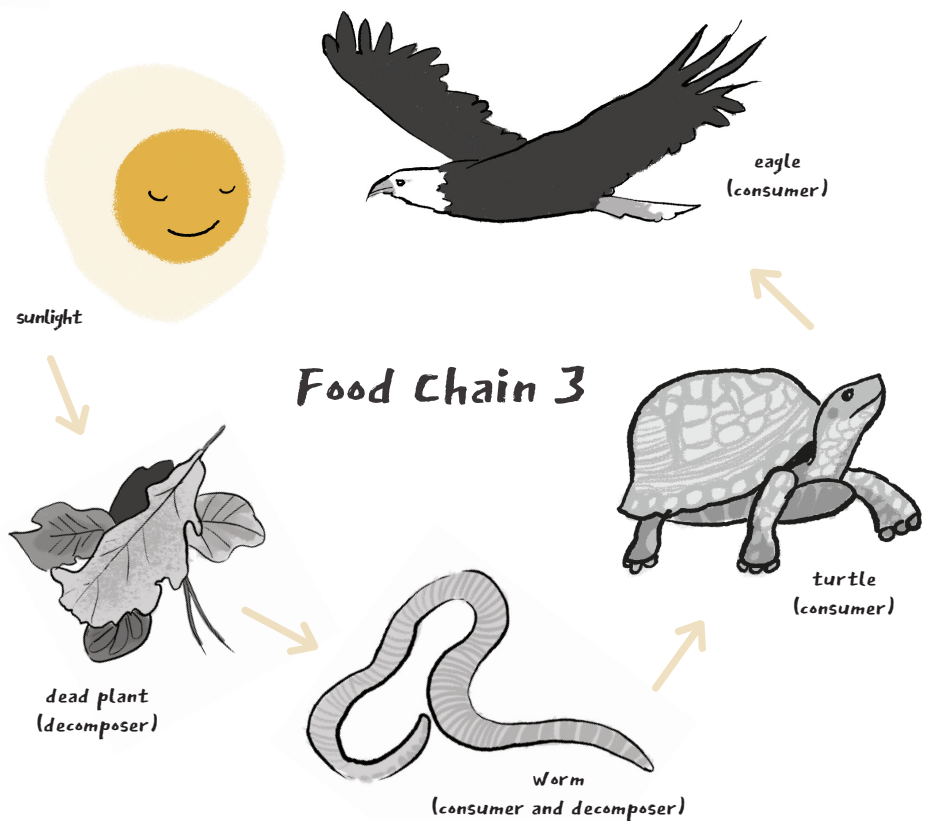
1. What do worms eat?

Dead plants.

2. Worms play two important roles in the food chain. What are they?

1. Consumer

2. Decomposer



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Food Chain 4

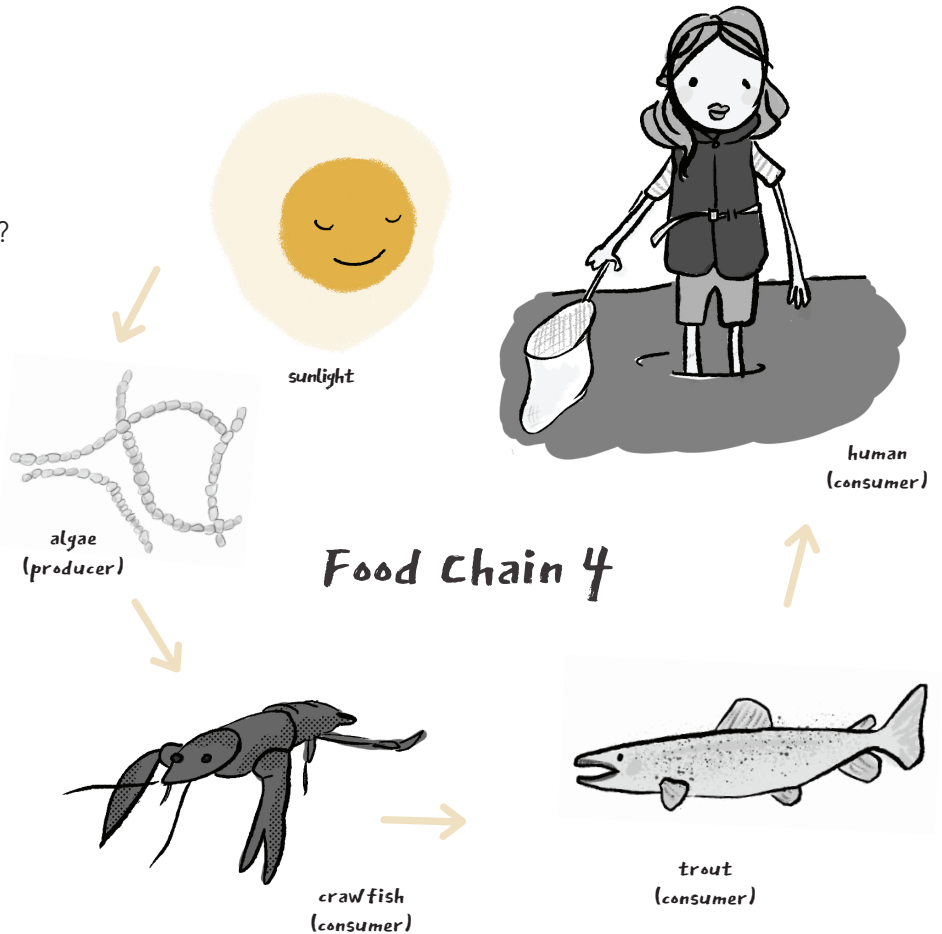
1. What is the last consumer in this picture?

The human.

2. What does the human consumer eat in this picture? Is there anything else they could also eat?

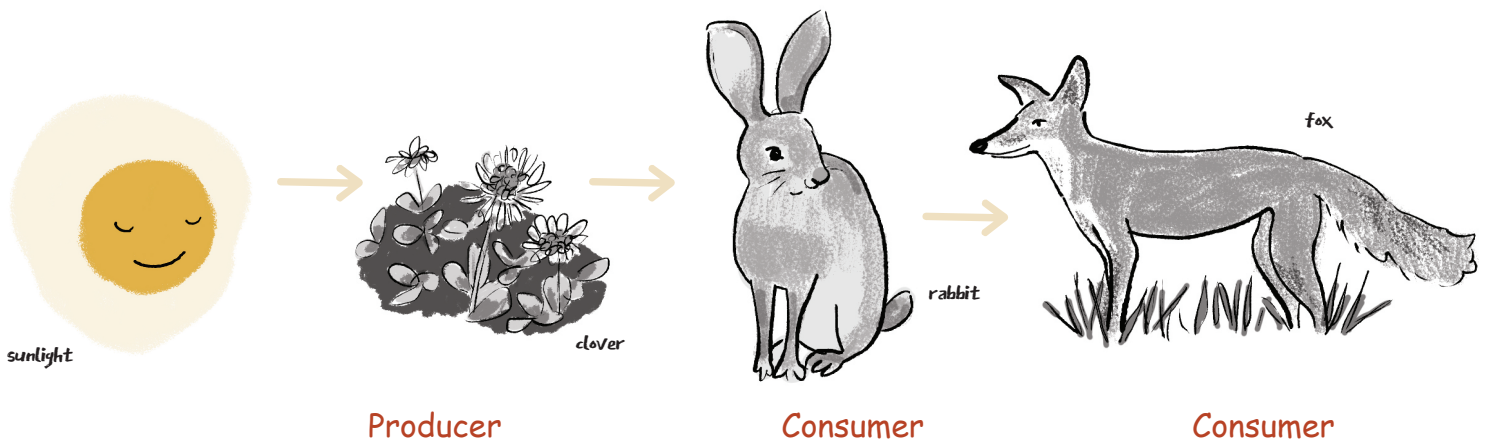
Fish. She could also eat

the crawfish.



Food Chain 5

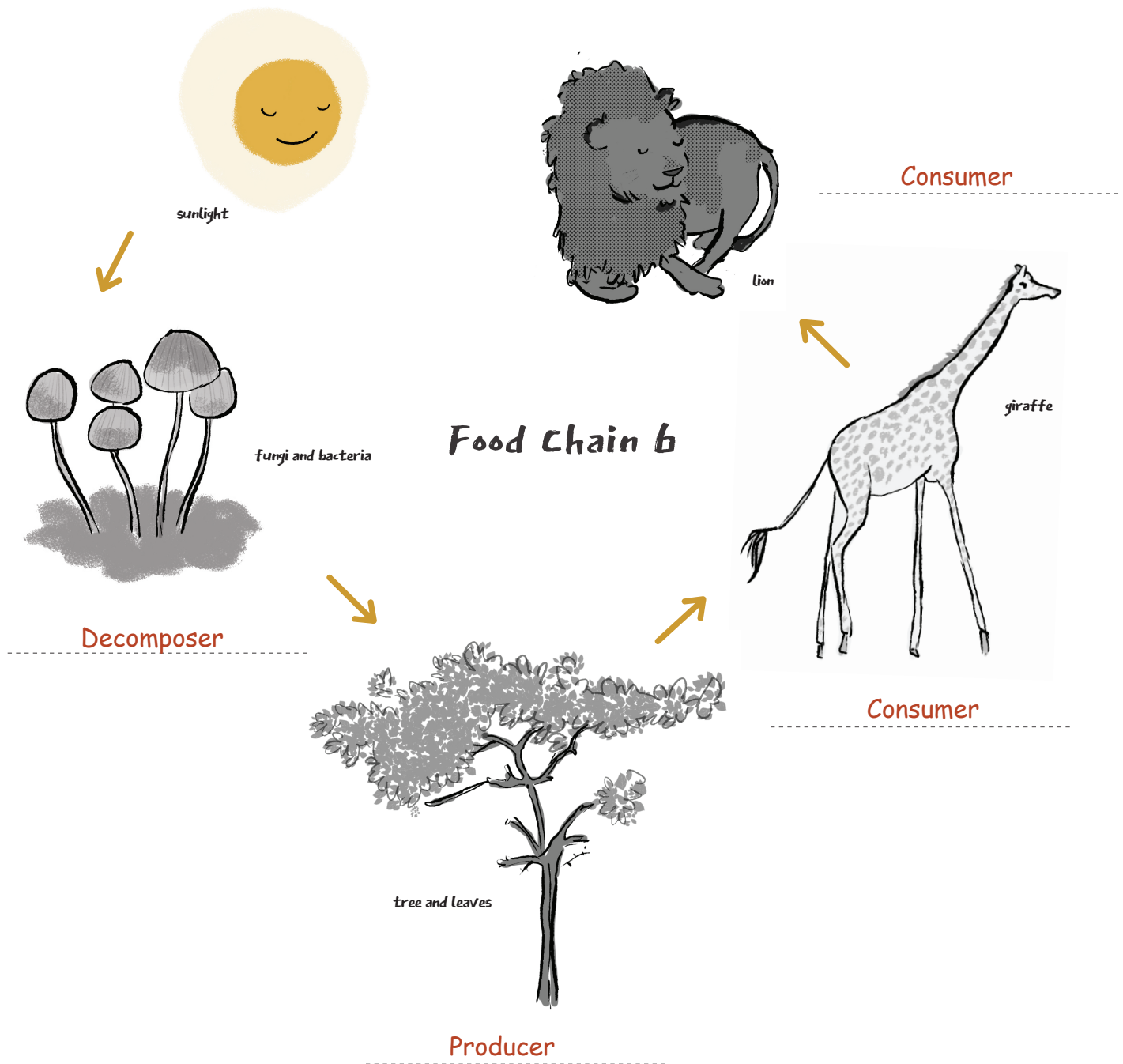
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Food Chain b

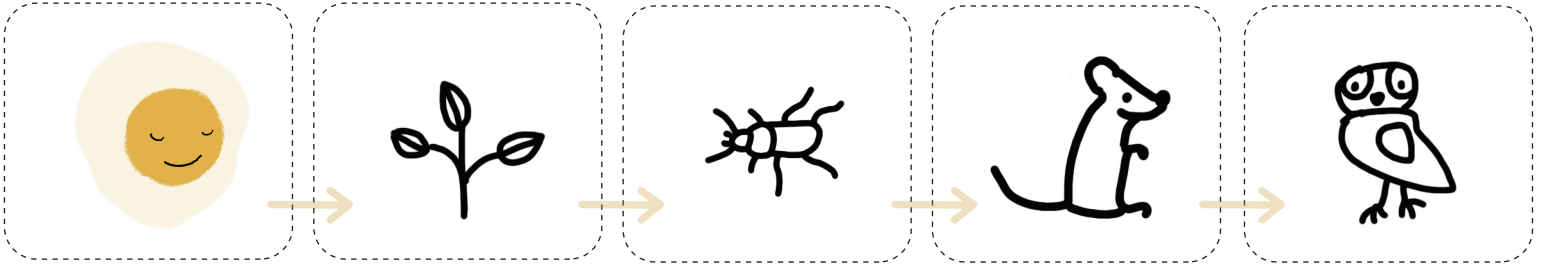
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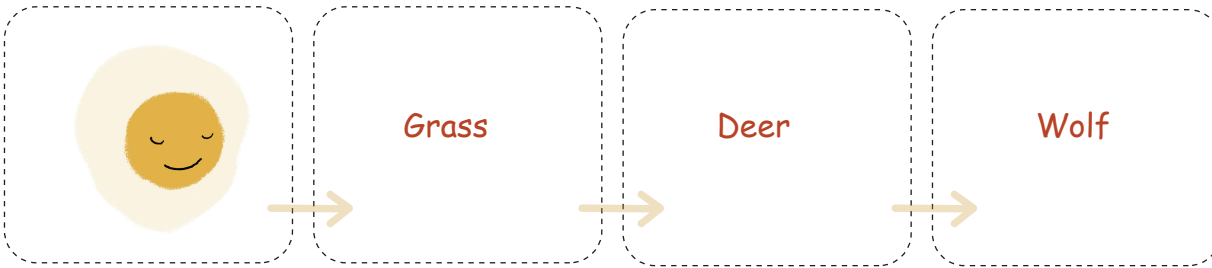
Create Your Own Food Chain

Draw pictures of the animals and organisms in each food chain in the spaces provided.
Make sure you draw them in the correct order!

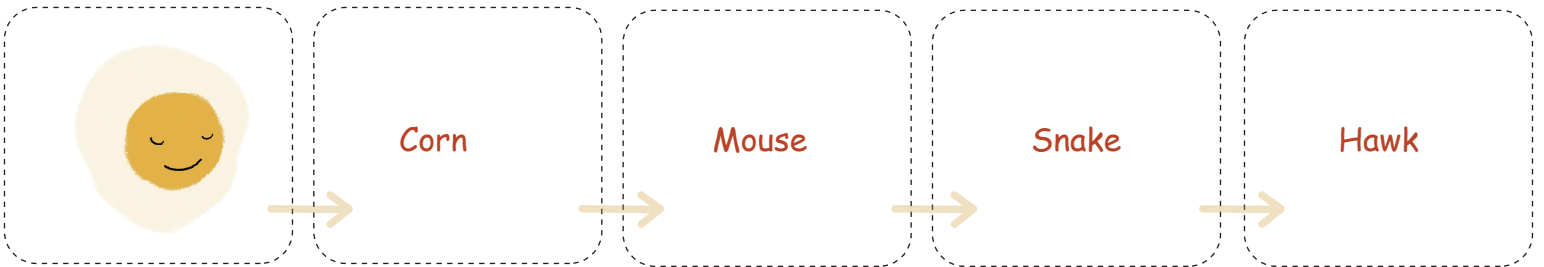
Example plant, insect, mouse, owl



1. deer, grass, wolf



2. corn, mouse, snake, hawk



3. algae, codfish, polar bear, seal, shrimp

