

Terms & Definitions; Some terms will be review, depending on your grade level.

Carnivore: Eats only other animals

Omnivore: Eats plants and animals

Herbivore: Eats only plants

Scavenger: Eats dead or dying organisms.

Decomposer: Eats / breaks down dead plants or animals.

Producer: Produces its own food (plants- through photosynthesis)

Specialized species: A species that has adapted over time to live in a specific environment, region or habitat or depends on a specific type of plant or animal for a food source.

Generalized species: A species which has evolved or adapted to thrive in almost any environment and depends on a diverse range of food sources.

Parasitic relationship: One organism benefits while the other organism is harmed.

Mutual relationship: Both organisms benefit from the relationship.

Commensual relationship: One organism benefits from the relationship and the other organism is neither harmed nor benefits.