

Worksheets

## Carnivores vs. herbivores

### Task 1: Before you watch

Classify these animals:

Lion      Gazelle      Antelope      Zebra      Buffalo      Wolf  
 Cheetah      Koala      North-American Pronghorn      Baboon

Carnivores	Herbivores	Omnivores (both)

### Task 2: Useful terms

A. These are some terms which you might need to know. Match the terms with their definitions.

1. Carnivore	A) a large group of animals that live and eat together
2. Herbivore	B) an animal that kills and eats other animals
3. Herd	C) an animal that eats meat
4. Predator	D) two hard pointed growths on the heads of some animals. E.g. cows or goats
5. Prey	E) an animal that eats only plants
6. Hoof (plural hooves)	F) an animal that is killed for food by another animal
7. Horns	G) the hard part on the bottom of some animals' foot, for example horses

B. Now complete the gaps with the above terms:

A \_\_\_\_\_ is any animal that hunts and eats other animals, which are called the \_\_\_\_\_. Generally, \_\_\_\_\_ are predators and \_\_\_\_\_ are prey. To be successful hunters, predators need to be able to see, smell or hear their prey. To avoid being eaten, the prey have to run fast or defend themselves by using their \_\_\_\_\_ or kicking with their \_\_\_\_\_. Predators are very important in the balance of nature, usually hunting only the sick or weak members of a \_\_\_\_\_. This leaves the strong and healthy animals to reproduce.

### Task 3: Never-ending battle on the plains

Read the facts below and decide whether they are true or false.

1. Animals gathering in herds have a lower chance of escaping predators
2. The cheetah is the fastest running animal in the world
3. Zebras can put their heads down to feed and adjust their eyes to watch for carnivores at the same time
4. Carnivores run on tiptoes (=with just their toes touching the ground and the rest of the foot in the air)
5. Gazelles have eyes on the sides of their heads and cannot see forward
6. Antelopes' ears can turn in different directions to watch out for predators while they are feeding
7. Many herbivores use hooves and horns to defend against predators
8. Koalas sometimes sleep for up to 18 hours a day

Now watch the video. Which of the above facts are mentioned? Correct the ones that are false. Watch again to check your answers.

### Task 4: Discussion

- Which fact mentioned in the video surprised you most?
- In the pre-task you had to classify animals into two groups: carnivores and herbivores. Can you think of other ways of classifying animals?
- Do you think humans are carnivores or herbivores by nature?

### Task 5: Verbs starting with out-

In the video you heard “Herbivores manage to **out-manoeuvre** their enemies more often than you can suppose” meaning they were more skilful than their enemies.

Complete the sentences below with other verbs with the prefix **out** paying attention to the tense.

outweigh

outsmart

outnumber

outperform

- In the story, the wolf is stronger, but the fox manages to \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- All things considered, the advantages clearly \_\_\_\_\_ the possible disadvantages.
- In our class, the girls \_\_\_\_\_ the boys.
- Last year Toyota \_\_\_\_\_ other Japanese cars.

What do the meanings of all the above verbs have in common?