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# Chapter 5– Section 2 Energy Flow in an ecosystem

# Based on how they get energy they classified as two main types:

Heterotroph

كائن غيرى التغذية

An organism that gets its energy requirements by consuming other organisms. Also called **Consumers** 

There are 5 types of Heterotrophs:

مثال Example	التعريف Definition	الأنواع Types
Cow and Rabbit	Organisms eat only plants	1- Herbivores 1-آکل النباتات.
Wolves, Lion, lynx	Organisms eat other heterotrophs	2-Carnivores 2-آكلات اللحوم
Human, Bears and • mockingbirds.	Organisms eat plants and animals.	3- Omnivores 3- كاننات متعددة التغذية
Worms, aquatic insects, Eagle , hyena	Organisms eat fragments of dead matter in an ecosystem.  Return nutrients to - the soil, air and water.	4- Detritivores الكائنات الكانسة
Bacteria and fungi	Breakdown dead organisms by releasing enzymes	5-Decomposers 5- المحللات

Autotroph

Herbivore

Carnivore

Detritivores

Decomposers

Autotroph کائن ذاتی التغذیة

An organism that collects energy from sunlight or from inorganic substances to produce food. Also called "**Producers**"

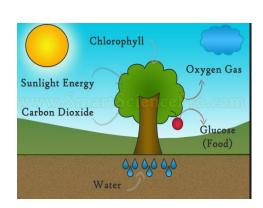
#### **Example 2: Bacteria**

When sunlight is <u>unavailable</u>, some bacteria use hydrogen sulfide and carbon dioxide to make food.

#### **Example 1: Plants**

Organisms that contain chlorophyll absorb energy during photosynthesis and use it to convert the inorganic substances like carbon dioxide and water into organic substances (food ).





What is the importance of Detritivores and Decomposers for the Autotroph?

Provide the nutrients for the autotroph ( plants )



# Energy Flow in the Ecosystem

#### A- The food chain

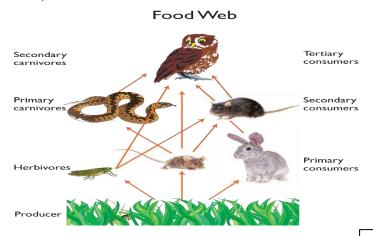
	3Energy models	Definition
1	السلمة غذائية A food chain	A simple model that shows how energy flows through an ecosystem .
2	A food web شبكة غذائية	Many interconnected food chains and pathways in which energy flows through a group of organisms.
3	Ecological Pyramids الهرم البيئي	A diagram that can show the relative amounts of energy, biomass or numbers of organisms at each trophic level in an organism.

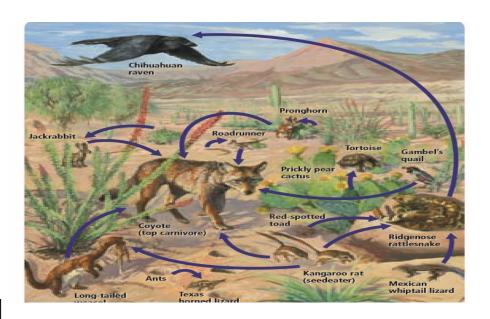
- Each step in food chain or food web and ecological pyramids called trophic level.
- Plants ( Autotrophs , Producers ) make up the <u>first trophic level</u> in all ecosystem.
- Represent the one way energy flow.

# producers primary secondary tertiary consumers consumers consumers

# B- The Food web

➤ Food web most often used to represent the feeding relationships

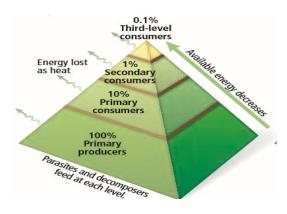




# 3-Ecological Pyramid, three types

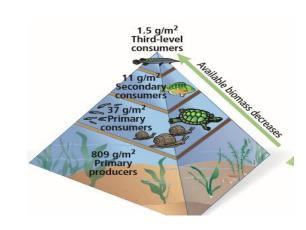
#### Pyramid of Energy

In a pyramid of energy, each level represents the amount of energy that is available to that trophic level. With each step up, there is an energy loss of 90 percent.



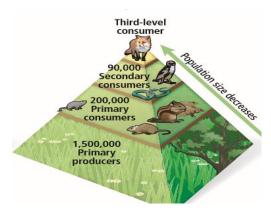
#### **Pyramid of Biomass**

In a pyramid of biomass, each level represents the amount of biomass consumed by the level above it.



#### **Pyramid of Numbers**

In a pyramid of numbers, each level represents the number of individual organisms consumed by the level above it.



# Questions

Q1- In the energy pyramid how much energy transferred to the next level? Andy why?  $10 \% \dots$ 

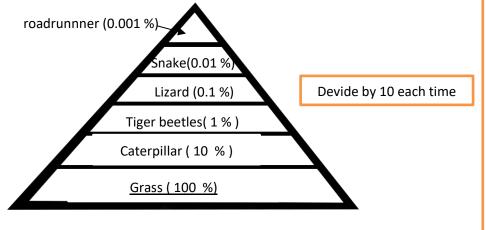
Energy is decrease; because organisms are <u>consuming energy</u> in cellular processes Or the energy is <u>released to the environment as heat.</u>

Q2- What is the Biomass?

Biomass is the total mass of living matter at each trophic level.

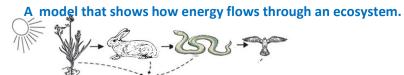
Q3- What is happening to the number of organisms at each trophic level? And why? .Decrease, because there is less energy available to support organisms.

**Q-4 Critical thinking**: Draw and energy pyramid for a food chain made of grass, caterpillar, tiger beetles, lizard, snake, and a roadrunner. Assume that <u>100</u> percent of energy is available for the <u>grass</u>. At each stage, show how much energy is lost and how much is available to the text trophic level.



## Test your understanding

#### A - Food Chain



#### Q1 -Based on the above figure, answer the following question.

- 1-The main source of energy for all organisms is ....... Sun ........
- 2- The producers in this food chain is ..... plant.
- 3- The first consumer (herbivore) is the Rabbit
- 4- The second consumer (carnivore) is the .....Snake...
- 5- The third consumer (carnivore) is the ..... Falcon ..........
- 6- What we call the organisms that breakdown the organic residues of all organisms above? .....Decomposers

## Q2 - Explain how the energy flows in this ecosystem. Use the given words..

(the plant - environment - food - the second - the third - cellular processes)

- 1 The plant takes part of the sun energy and converted into ... food .....
- 2- The energy transfer from the producers (...plant...) to the first consumer (Rabbit), then to ...the...second .... consumer (snake), then to .....the third....... consumer (falcon).
- 3- The organisms used the energy for cellular processes ..... (Growth, build new cells).
- 4- The rest of energy is released into the surrounding environment.

#### **B- Food webs**

Q1- Draw a web chain by using the following organisms:

Grasshopper – plants- carrot – bird – Mouse- Rabbit – snake - Owl - Falcon

# Creating a Food Web — Draw and Connect

