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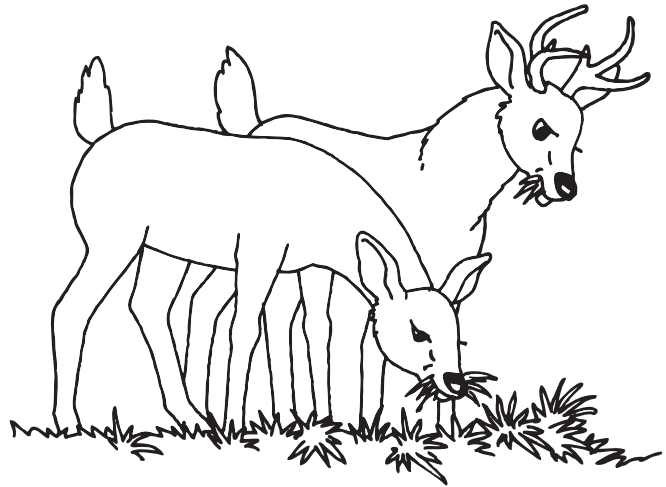
THE FOOD CHAIN

All animals and plants need food in order to live. They eat each other. This is called the food chain.

A chain is made up of links. Links connect animals and plants. The weakest link in a chain is a plant. This is often eaten by stronger links like deer and horses.

Each link in the food chain is food for the next link. A rabbit eats grass. A coyote eats the rabbit. A cougar eats a coyote. This is the food chain.

People are a link in the food chain, too. The next time you eat a hamburger, think about how it fits into the food chain!



STORY QUESTIONS

1. In order to live, animals and plants need . . .
 - a. horses.
 - b. hamburgers.
 - c. food.
 - d. chains.
2. In this story, *chain* means . . .
 - a. connection.
 - b. necklace.
 - c. rope.
 - d. daisies.
3. In a food chain, . . .
 - a. the weak eat the strong.
 - b. rabbits eat cougars.
 - c. the strong eat the weak.
 - d. cougars eat grass.
4. Which of the following is **true**?
 - a. People eat cows.
 - b. Cows eat people.
 - c. Horses eat cows.
 - d. Rabbits eat hamburgers.