## Food chain is a step-by-step sequence linking organisms that feed on each other

**Producers** get their nutrients from the soil, water and air.

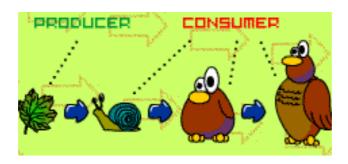
<u>Consumers</u> feed on living or once living organisms as a source of energy and nutrients

**Herbivores** get nutrients when they eat producers.

Carnivores get nutrients when they eat herbivores.

<u>**Decomposers**</u> break down animal wastes and dead organisms.

The actions of decomposers release nutrients back into the soil, water and air so producers can use them again.



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# What would happen if frogs started to disappear?

- Declining frog populations would cause <u>mosquito and fly</u> <u>populations to increase</u>
- Declining tadpole populations would cause <u>algae</u> populations to increase this would cause serious <u>environmental hardship</u>

### Why are Frogs disappearing?

#### o loss of habitat

 human development has caused areas needed for frog populations to diminish

#### o <u>air and water quality</u>

- Harmful bacteria forming
- air pollution gets absorbed into the skin of a frog
- reproduction rates decrease with increasing levels of acid rain

#### o increased exposure to ultraviolet radiation

high levels of UV radiation burns skin and damages skin cells

#### o climate change

higher temperatures are hard for frogs to adapt to

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group 2 to 3

> Design a food Chain

Today Rough Copy

—> list animals / Plants

—> Who eats Who

leaf \_\_\_\_ worm

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1) :, Food chain (Aquatic)
With 5 plants / Animals

11) Food chain with (Land)
8 plant/Animals (Different from Above)