

Middle School Science

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Food Chains Worksheet

This worksheet accompanies slide 2 of *Food Chains.ppt*

What are the feeding relationships in the Masai Mara?

Read the information provided and answer the questions below.

The Masai Mara is an area of **grassland** in East Africa, where herds of **wildebeest** and **zebra** graze. They are hunted by big cats such as **lions**.

The Mara River runs through the area. The animals have to cross it to reach new pastures. In the river are **crocodiles** that have adapted to catch wildebeest and zebra as they cross. **Hippos** also live in the river; however, they only feed on grass and **aquatic plants**.

The Masai are a local tribe of hunters who keep **cattle** on the grassland and who also hunt wildebeest and zebra for meat. Their cattle are occasionally attacked and eaten by lions.

1. Draw lines to match each description with the correct animal.

producer	hippo
predator	Mara River
prey	zebra
consumer	grass
habitat	lion

2. Write three different food chains using the organisms of the Masai Mara:

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3. Which animals in this habitat are secondary consumers?

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