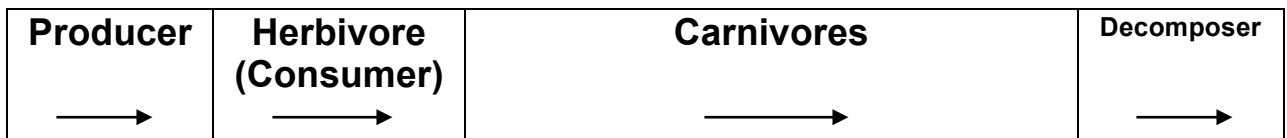
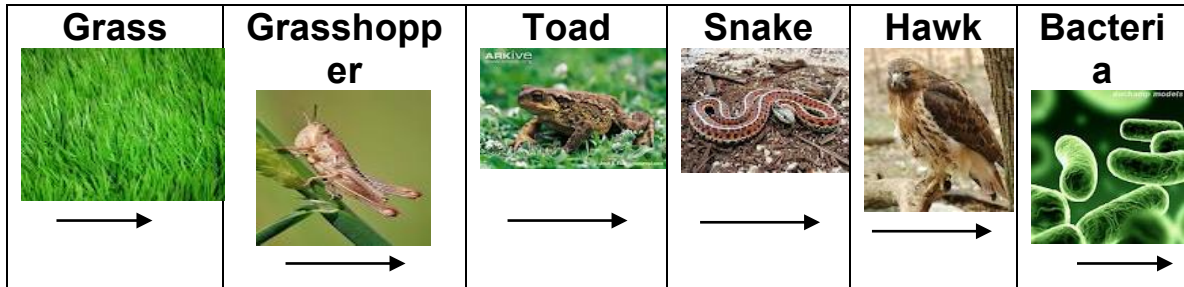


Diagram #1
 Example of a Food Chain and Explanation

The table below gives one example of a food chain



Explanation:

The grass is a producer. It makes its own food.

The grasshopper is an herbivore (a consumer) that eats the grass.

The toad is a carnivore (a consumer). It eats the grasshopper.

The snake is also a carnivore (a consumer). It eats the toad.

The hawk is at the top of the food chain and is a carnivore (a consumer).

The hawk eats the snake.

The hawk eventually dies.

The hawk's body is broken down (decomposed) into chemicals and nutrients by the bacteria (decomposer).

These nutrients are absorbed into the soil that helps plants grow.

The process starts all over again!