

Bones and Bellies

Clue Card 1

Land Animals

Discover the names of the unknown animals and add them to the land food web.

Animal A

- I am a carnivorous marsupial.
- My upper canine teeth are slightly larger than the lower canines.
- My molar teeth are sharp and pointy to rip apart skin, fur and bones of my prey.
- I like to eat possums and small wallabies, birds, reptiles and insects, ANYTHING that's injured or recently dead and easily available.
- When I am alive about the size of a small dog.

I am a _____.

Animal B

- I am a very long reptile with about three hundred pairs of ribs.
- The bones of my skull move apart so that I can swallow my prey (bats, marsupials and other mammals) in one gulp.
- My upper jaw has two rows of teeth that point backwards.
- I am thinner than my cousin the Rock Python but I also squeeze my prey to death.

I am a _____.

Land Animals

Discover the names of the unknown animals and add them to the land food web.

Animal C

- I am an Australian reptile with sharp, pointed teeth and strong jaws.
- My nostrils and eye sockets are on top of my skull.
- The roof of my mouth is made of two layers of bone, making an air passage, so that I can breathe and eat my prey while I swim.
- My back is protected by rows of small disc-shaped bones.
- I'm not fussy when it comes to food as I will eat birds, fish and mammals.

I am a _____.

Animal D

- I am a meat-eating placental mammal.
- I have six large canine teeth – four on my upper jaw and two on my lower jaw.
- I am the same size as a large dog.
- I like to eat possums, bats and other small animals.

I am a _____.

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Clue card 3

Land Animals

Discover the names of the unknown animals and add them to the land food web.

Animal E

- I am a placental mammal.
- The bones of my front limbs look like the five fingers of your hand; they are very long and fit inside my wing.
- Long black hooked claws help me hang upside down.
- I have four long canines but I don't use them to eat meat. My favourite food is nectar from eucalyptus blossom.

I am a _____.

Animal F

- I am a close relative of the American opossum.
- I have a light frame, a little smaller than a cat. My head is small and my tail is almost as long as my body. It curls into a ring to hold me in place.
- Each toe has a hooked claw, perfect for tree climbing.
- My upper jaw holds twelve or more big molar teeth to grind plants and three pairs of incisors to bite into fruit and flowers.

I am a _____.

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Clue card 4

Land Animals

Discover the names of the unknown animals and add them to the land food web.

Animal G

- I am one of the smallest marsupials found in the rainforest.
- I have long leg bones for bounding along and shorter front limbs for foraging in leaf litter.
- My small head holds incisors and many sharp, little molar teeth for eating fruits, seeds, soft bark and fungi.
- My predators are the Amethystine Python, dingoes, Tasmanian Devils and owls.
- I am NOT a rat!

I am a _____.

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Clue Card 5

Marine Animals

Discover the names of the unknown animals and add them to the marine food web.

Animal A

- I am a mammal.
- I have four long bones and one stumpy bone in my two flippers.
- My long skull is filled with hundreds of sharp little teeth to eat small fish, crabs, squid and octopus.
- I don't have legs, but I do have a strong tail that propels me through the water.

I am a _____.

Animal B

- I have a sharp, straight beak with which I like to stab fish, squid, krill, and small crustaceans before I swallow them whole.
- My front limbs are wings, but I can't fly! I waddle around on feet with three short toes.
- My backbone is much straighter than other sea birds, so I stand proud.
- Sharks, seals, killer whales, foxes, feral cats, dogs, sea eagles and sea gulls like to eat me.

I am a _____.

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Clue Card 6

Marine Animals

Discover the names of the unknown animals and add them to the marine food web.

Animal C

- I am a large fish with a big head.
- My teeth are small but there are hundreds of them and together they look like a very coarse sandpaper to get a good grip on my prey.
- I swallow all my food (sharks, turtles, crustaceans) whole.
- A tiny fin helps me steer around coral reefs.

I am a _____.

Animal D

- I am a very big fish with big eyes.
- I slash my prey with my very long sharp pointed nose.
- I have two large long pointed fins on the sides of my head.
- Tuna is my favourite food, but I also eat squid and cuttlefish.
- Sharks, killer whales and fishermen love to hunt me, but now I am a protected species so fishermen have to throw me back in the ocean.

I am a _____.

Marine Animals

Discover the names of the unknown animals and add them to the marine food web.

Animal E

- I am a small fish compared to my friends the Opah and the Grouper.
- I eat squid, cuttlefish and small schooling fish like sardines.
- Everyone likes to eat me including sharks, tuna, marlin and seals.
- I have a body as flat as a pancake with five fins including a long dorsal (top) fin but no pectoral (side) fins. My skull is quite narrow too.

I am a _____.

Animal F

- I am a fish with a very flat dorsal (top) fin that looks like someone has stepped on my head with a shoe.
- When I am alive, the dorsal fin is a sucker on my head so that I stick to other animals such as sharks, manta rays, large fish and turtles.
- When I am stuck to the underside of other fish I like to eat all the food they drop from their mouth. Yummy!
- My lower jaw sticks out beyond my upper jaw.
- If I'm not stuck to my friends, I might be eaten by a dolphin or Marlin.

I am a _____.

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Clue Card 8

Marine Animals

Discover the names of the unknown animals and add them to the marine food web.

Animal G

- I am a very large mammal with very heavy bones, a big nose and two small tusks.
- I am often called a sea cow because I live in herds and graze on sea grasses in shallow waters.
- Many years ago when sailors' saw me they thought I was a mermaid.
- Large sharks like the bull shark, might try to eat me. In the past I was often hunted by humans, but now I'm protected in Australian waters because I'm an endangered species.

I am a _____.

Animal H

- I have a small round exoskeleton with sharp spines all over me.
- When I am alive, I move along using my spines to lever me and tubular feet with suckers on them to carry me along.
- Even my spiky appearance doesn't deter some fish (wrasse and trigger fish) from eating me.
- As I move along the ocean floor, I eat algae and sea weed through my mouth underneath my body.

I am a _____