

Food Chains

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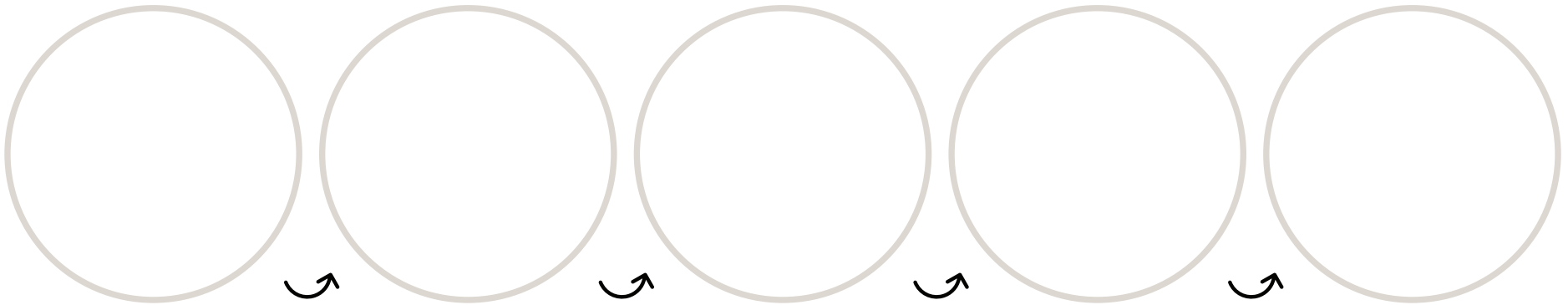
GUIDING QUESTION: How does energy flow through an ecosystem?

Before you play: When you eat food, it gives you energy. But where does the energy in your food come from?

While you play: A food chain models the way living things get the energy they need to live and grow.

Each living thing depends on different sources for energy.

Create a coral reef food chain by investigating the sources of energy for different living things. Consider who eats what, and whether all living things get energy by eating.



After you play: Find two or three classmates. Compare your food chains. Are they similar? Why or why not?

Where does all the energy in a food chain originate?



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