

# Vocabulary



**carnivore** an animal that catches and eats other live animals

Wolves, lions, many birds, and many insects are carnivores.

**consumer** an organism that gets energy by eating other organisms

All animals are consumers.

**herbivore** an animal that eats only plants or plant products

Cows, deer, horses, and many birds and insects are herbivores.

**metamorphosis** change of body form that takes place during the life cycle of some animals

Insects go through either complete metamorphosis or incomplete metamorphosis. Complete metamorphosis has four stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. Incomplete metamorphosis has three stages: egg, nymph, and adult.

**nymph** the immature form of an insect that is the second stage of incomplete metamorphosis

Nymphs look like small adults but they have no wings and no body parts for reproduction.

**omnivore** an animal that eats both plants and animals

Crickets, bears, and raccoons are omnivores.