

Great Barrier Reef Food Chains — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- A food chain shows how energy passes from one living thing to another.
- On the reef, tiny plankton are eaten by small fish, which are eaten by bigger fish, then sharks.
- Coral itself is a living animal that feeds and provides shelter.
- Many food chains link together to form a food web.

Key vocabulary

- Food chain — the order in which living things eat one another.
- Producer — a living thing that makes its own food (like algae).
- Predator — an animal that hunts others.
- Food web — many food chains linked together.

Everything connected

On the reef, removing one creature can affect many others. A healthy reef needs all the links in its food web working together.

Why it matters

Threats like coral bleaching can break food chains, harming the whole reef ecosystem.