



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH? SCAVENGER HUNT

NAME: _____

Animals are adapted to eat different types of food, and they are classified into groups based on the food they eat.

Carnivores only eat meat. They have adaptations to help them catch their prey, like sharp teeth or claws.

Herbivores only eat plants. They have adaptations for chewing and grinding vegetation, like wide, flat molars.

Omnivores eat both meat and plants. They have a combination of adaptations to help them eat a variety of food.

Use the clues below to learn how animals at the Zoo are adapted to eat their food. Identify the animals and find their habitats. Read their ID signs to find out “What’s for Lunch,” and then circle the diet group they belong to!

I am found in the rainforests of Southeast Asia. My black and white coloration helps me to hide. I love to swim, and I use my trunk-like nose as a snorkel and to bring food to my mouth. Sometimes confused for an anteater, I am actually related to rhinos and horses!

Who am I? _____

What is my group?

Carnivore Herbivore
Omnivore

I am the world’s largest lizard, and I am only found on certain islands of Indonesia. I use my long, forked tongue to smell and locate my food. Despite my size, I am an avid climber and swimmer, and I can catch prey several times my size!

Who am I? _____

What is my group?

Carnivore Herbivore
Omnivore

I am one of the largest species of crocodilians, and I swim through the calm, flowing rivers of Asia. I lack muscles to stand and walk, so I move with a “belly-slide” when I am on land. My long and narrow snout is specially adapted to getting my preferred food.

Who am I? _____

What is my group?

Carnivore Herbivore
Omnivore

I live in the warm and shallow waters of Florida. I am a slow swimmer, but luckily I have no natural predators. I spend most of my day grazing on food like a gentle sea cow. As my teeth get worn down from eating so much, I continuously replace them!

Who am I? _____

What is my group?

Carnivore Herbivore
Omnivore

I lumber my way through Florida's swamps and forests. I am the smallest and most common of my species in North America. I use my powerful sense of smell to sniff out food, and my strong, curved claws to climb trees and rip open logs to get to it!

I am the largest land mammal, and I can be found in the African Savanna. My nose is adapted for many things, but I cannot drink through it! Instead, I use it to spray water in my mouth and to collect my food. My large ears act like a fan keeping me cool on hot days.

In Africa's swamps and marshes, I might be seen standing, waiting to ambush my food. I am named for my large bill that I use to snatch up my slippery prey. I can also use my bill to scoop up water to cool my eggs so they do not get too hot!

I am found deep in Africa's rainforest and no where else. I am solitary and prefer my own space. Like my cousin the giraffe, I use my long and prehensile tongue to bring food to my mouth. Unlike my cousin, though, I have stripes, not spots!

I am the largest tree-dwelling mammal, living high in the trees of the Bornean Rainforest. Like many primates, I have opposable thumbs on my hands and feet that I use to hold and eat my food. I have also been known to treat illnesses with forest plants!

You can find me flying through the Canopy Aviary with a stylish white mustache on my face. I love perching on top of my waterfall. I live and nest near the coastal cliffs of Peru and Chile, and I use my excellent flying skills to dive into the water for my food!

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Chaperone Instructions: Have students read the introduction and clues to learn how our animals are adapted to eat their food. Help them decipher each clue and write down the name of the animal. Travel to the animal habitats, read the ID signs, and find out more about the animals' specific diets. Students should use that information to determine what diet group each animal belongs to (Carnivore, Herbivore, or Omnivore) and then circle the correct answer.

Use a ZooTampa map to help you navigate through the Zoo to find the animals you are looking for. Animals are found in different realms in the Zoo based on their natural habitats, and their names are listed on the map. You can explore the Zoo however you choose, but the clues are in order (first-last or last-first) to make a path around the Zoo.

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Who am I? Malayan Tapir

What is my group?

Carnivore

Herbivore

Omnivore

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Who am I? Komodo Dragon

What is my group?

Carnivore

Herbivore

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Who am I? Indian Gharial

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Herbivore

Omnivore

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Who am I? Florida Manatee

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Who am I? American Black Bear

What is my group?

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 Omnivore

Who am I? African Elephant

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Carnivore Herbivore
 Omnivore

Who am I? Shoebill Stork

What is my group?

Carnivore Herbivore
 Omnivore

Who am I? Okapi

What is my group?

Carnivore Herbivore
 Omnivore

Who am I? Bornean Orangutan

What is my group?

Carnivore Herbivore
 Omnivore

Who am I? Inca Tern

What is my group?

Carnivore Herbivore
 Omnivore