

2.44 Nature and Animals: Chain of Food

Earth is a beautiful planet,

with green forests,

deep-blue seas,

undulating deserts

and lofty mountains.

And among the trees,

in the water,

under the sand

and on the rocks

live millions of creatures.

There are all sorts:

thin ones,

fat ones,

hairy ones,

bald ones,

short ones,

long ones,

ugly ones,

pretty ones,

mean ones

and sweet ones.

They fly,

swim,

walk

or crawl.

They growl,

croak,

speak, squeak or whistle.

They are all so different.

And yet all of these creatures have
one thing in common:

they have to eat.

If they didn't, they'd die.

But none of them can conjure up its
own food.

Plants can do that.

Plants are very clever. They turn
sunlight into food.

And so many creatures eat plants.

That's what makes them big
and strong.

Those who don't like plants, eat other
creatures, which do eat plants.

When people eat fish, for instance,
they are indirectly eating sea plants.

When a spider eats a grasshopper, it
is indirectly eating grass.

They all become part of a food chain.

Everything is linked: plants, animals
and people.

And they all share the earth.
Cool, eh?