1. Food webs

Fourth Level

Consumer

Third level consumers

Second Level

Consumer

Use your knowledge from the fieldtrip to complete the food web below:

- Label producers, first, second and third level consumers.
- Complete the food web with the organisms in orange on the right.

Sea gull

Dog Whelk

- Connect one of the first level consumers to the top predator.
- Circle one carnivore on the food web.

Bladder Wrack

Common Periwinkle

Sea gull

Producer

Shore crab

Fourth level consumer

Second Level
Consumer

First level consumers

Common Periwinkle

Topshell

Barnacles

Mussels

Phytoplankton

Wrack

From where do all producers get their energy? Sunlight

What do the arrows in a food web represent (underline the correct answer below)?

Which organism is eating another.

The energy flow through the food web.

The direction an organism is moving in an ecosystem.





2. Pyramids of numbers Complete the pyramid of numbers below to show 40 Topshells as first level consumers. 2 Corkwing Wrasse 8 Shore Crabs 12cm 2 Kelp plants

Why is this not a good way of showing the energy at different trophic levels in the food chain? What kind of diagram would show us this better?

2 kelp plant contain a lot more energy than the trophic levels above.

A better way of presenting this would be using a pyramid of biomass.

Why do the number of organisms get smaller as you move further up through a food chain? Energy has been transferred out of the food chain e.g. as heat from respiration at each trophic level.

Organisms use energy for growth of new cells, which other way do they use energy? Repair/replacement of damaged tissue.

Which other ways is energy lost at each level in a food chain (underline two below)?

Lose energy as heat in respiration

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Sound energy

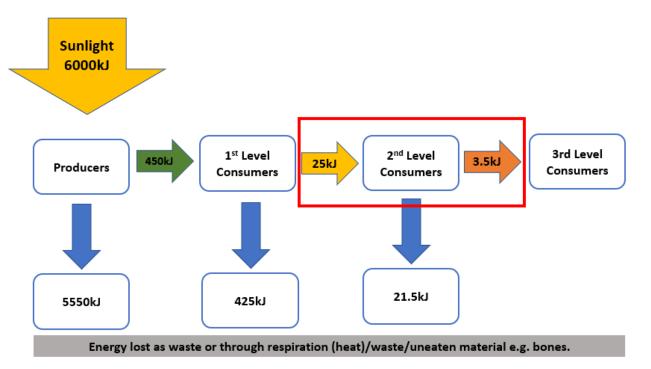
Urine and faeces

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Calculate the efficiency of 2nd level consumers in the food chain above:

Follow this format that we used to calculate the efficiency of first level consumers in our example:



