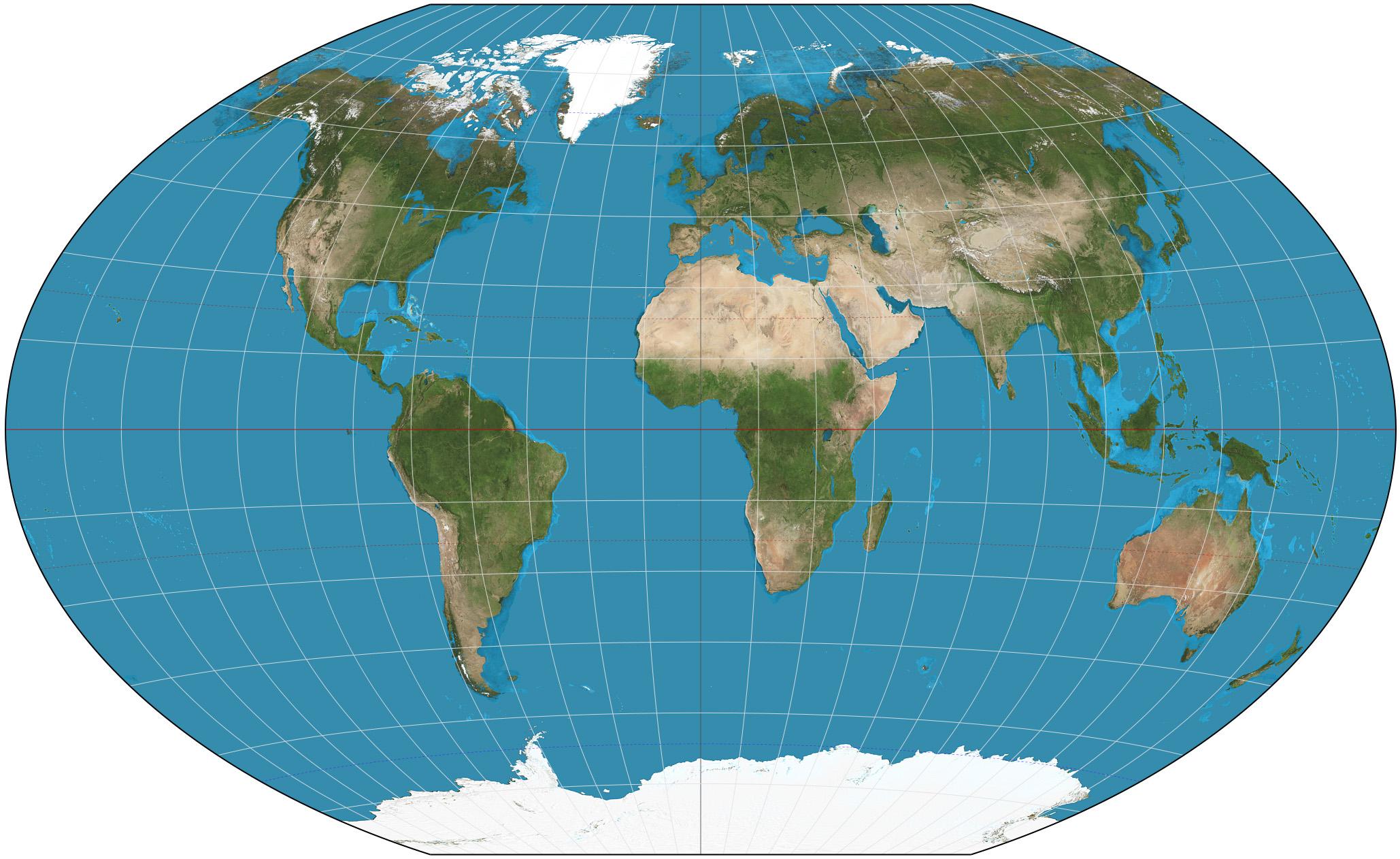
**Notes for Food Chain**

* Is your animal a carnivore, herbivore, or omnivore?
* What is its diet?
* How does it get food? Does it hunt?
* Is it prey for other animals?
* What are its predators?
* Is there anything interesting about the way it eats?

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| Dolphins are active predators and eat a wide variety of fishes, squids, and crustaceans such as shrimps. The foods available to a dolphin vary with its geographic location. | Bottlenose dolphins are carnivores. They eat different kinds of fish, squid, and shellfish. | http://seaworld.org/en/animal-info/animal-infobooks/bottlenose-dolphins/diet-and-eating-habits/ |
| Bottlenose dolphins often cooperate when hunting and catching fish.  In open waters, a dolphin group sometimes encircles a large school of fish and herds the fish into a small, dense mass. The dolphins take turns charging | They hunt with their pod. They trap fish in an enclosed area and take turns eating. | http://seaworld.org/en/animal-info/animal-infobooks/bottlenose-dolphins/diet-and-eating-habits/ |
| Dolphins do not chew their food. Before eating large fishes, bottlenose dolphins shake them or rub them on the ocean floor until suitable-size pieces break off. They also strip meat from spiny fishes, reducing the chance of injury from sharp spines. | They don’t chew their food they make them into small bites by rubbing their food on the ground. | http://seaworld.org/en/animal-info/animal-infobooks/bottlenose-dolphins/diet-and-eating-habits/ |
| Certain of the larger and more aggressive shark species—great white sharks, tiger sharks and bull sharks, for example—will sometimes prey on young dolphins. In fact, dolphins consider sharks to be a natural enemy, and will often attack them, ramming them in the gills with their snouts in an attempt to injure or kill them. And the killer whale or orca—which is itself a dolphin species—is another answer to the “What eats a dolphin?” question, although this seems to happen only infrequently. But “human beings” are the primary answer to “What eats bottlenose dolphins?” That’s right; we are the dolphin’s chief predator. In many countries, and especially in Japan, thousands of bottlenose dolphins each year are herded close to shore, slaughtered, and butchered for their meat. | Sharks are the main predators that feed on Bottlenose Dolphins including white sharks, tiger sharks and bull sharks. Orca Whales also eat dolphins. In some countries, like Japan, people eat Bottlenose Dolphins. | http://www.allaboutwildlife.com/what-eats-a-bottlenose-dolphin |
| bottlenose dolphin may use its tail flukes to flip a fish out of the water, and then retrieve the stunned prey. | They scare their prey by flipping it out of the water and then catch it and eat it | http://seaworld.org/en/animal-info/animal-infobooks/bottlenose-dolphins/diet-and-eating-habits/ |
|  | They are fast so they can get away from predators | Jessi’s Brain |



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