

MARINE FOOD CHAIN

Phytoplankton make food from sunlight, like plants do.

Zooplankton, such as krill and copepods, consume the phytoplankton for energy.

Small predatory fish such as sardines and herring eat the zooplankton for food.

Baleen whales, like this Grey Whale, feed on tiny zooplankton such as krill. They use their baleen to strain large gulps of water to get the tiny organisms.

Sea Lions are intelligent mammals that spend most of their time in the ocean.

Orcas are highly intelligent and live in family groups called "pods".

The tuna fish is a large, fast, predatory fish; some can swim over 40 miles per hour, and grow to over 6 feet long!

Food chains are networks of organisms that depend on each other for energy to live. All energy that flows through the food chain starts with sunlight. From there, energy is passed along through different plants and animals. Can you finish the arrows to show which direction the energy is flowing in this ocean food chain?