Gulp and Swallow - A Food Chain Card Game



Reproduce and enlarge these playing cards, cut out and laminate. You need one copy of the 30 cards for every two players.

Object of

Collect all your opponent's cards to win the game.



Shuffle and equally divide all cards. Players hold all their cards in one pile, face down.

At the same time, players turn over the top card from the pile. The card that is higher on the food chain wins and the player takes both cards. If a tie occurs, both players place two cards

face down. Then they place a third card face-up. The face-up card that's higher on the food chain takes all the cards. ▶ When out of cards, a player shuffles winnings and continues playing. ▶ The winner is the person who has all cards.

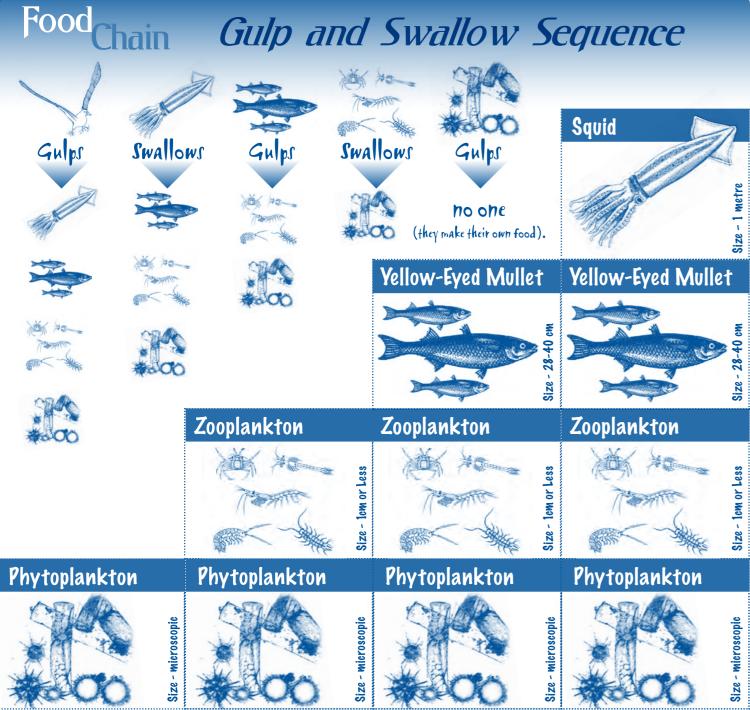


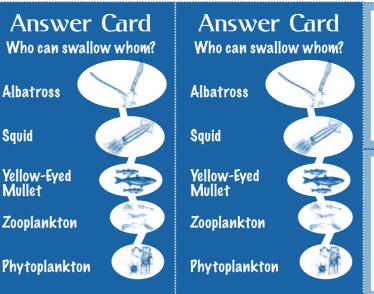
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Try This Out!

Can you work out the whole food chain from phytoplankton to the albatross?

Poes an albatross really eat phytoplankton?

{Think}About{This!}

Do some research to find out what else these animals might eat.

Who is the top predator of the oceans?

Did Youknow?

This isn't everything these animals eat! It is only a link in a complicated food web. Bigger animals eat smaller animals. Some big animals skip right to the plants. Phytoplankton is a microscopic plant that makes its own food from the sun. Microscopic means you need a microscope to even see it.

Card game adapted from Gamewright's "Chomp" 2003. Yellow-Eyed Mullet drawing from An Encyclopaedia of New Zealand, ed. A. H. McLintock, 966.

