



What are YOU looking at?

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Vocabulary

Predator An animal that hunts and eats other animals

Prey An animal that is hunted by predators

Carnivore An animal that gets all of its nutrients by eating other animals

Herbivore An animal that gets all of its nutrients by eating plants

Omnivore An animal that gets some of its nutrients from animals and some from plants

Wolves are predators. Predators hunt and eat other animals. The animals they hunt are called their prey.

Many **predators**, including wolves, are **carnivores**—meaning they receive almost *all* of their nutrients from the prey animals they catch and eat—but some predators are omnivores, which means they get the nutrition they need from both animals and plants.

Predators have many adaptations to help them catch their prey. Along with long, sharp teeth and claws, almost all predators that live on land have front-facing eyes that allow them to clearly see things that are directly in front of them. This helps wolves and other predators focus on their prey when they are hunting.

Prey species are animals that are hunted and eaten by predators. Many prey animals are **herbivores**, meaning they receive *all* the nutrition they need from the plants they eat. But just like predators, some prey species are **omnivores**, including pigs, hedgehogs, opossums, squirrels, chipmunks and rats.

Prey species on land have many physical features that help them avoid predators, including pointy antlers, sharp hooves and camouflaged fur. Another feature that **prey** species share is side-facing eyes, which means their eyes are on the sides of their heads. This helps these animals to see almost all the way around themselves, so they can spot predators that might be sneaking up on them.

Predatory species also include dogs, cats, foxes and bears. They all have front-facing eyes. Prey species that are hunted and eaten by carnivores don't need to see directly in front of them; they need "side vision." Deer, moose, rabbits and squirrels all have side-facing eyes.

You're a human being. Do you have front-facing eyes or side-facing eyes?

You have front-facing eyes, of course. That's because, although most humans are omnivores, we evolved as predators, which means we had to see clearly in front of us so we could hunt. ■



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Meet the Pack:

Axel and Grayson are the most recent additions to the International Wolf Center pack, but we won't be able to say that for long! In the spring of 2020, we expect to have two new wolf pups joining our pack!

Axel and Grayson are both of the arctic subspecies of gray wolves. As you know, not all gray wolves are gray in color, and Axel and Grayson are proof of that! Axel now weighs 100 pounds and Grayson weighs 90.

Word Search

Words can go any direction

- PREDATOR
- PREY
- DEER
- WOLF
- CARNIVORE
- OMNIVORE
- HERBIVORE

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