



Menus for Meerkats and Other Hungry Animals

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- Choose an animal from the book to research further, at the library or on the internet*. Find at least two additional interesting things about this animal. Share aloud or write a paragraph or two about what you learn.
- Choose an animal not included in the book and see what you can learn about it at the library or on the internet*. Write or draw a menu for what it might eat. Include a few interesting facts about where and how it lives.
- Have you ever seen any of these animals in a zoo or in its natural habitat? Describe what you saw. Include what you could hear and smell, too.
- Imagine you're one of the animals in this book. Write a diary entry for a typical day in your life as that animal.
- Make up an imaginary animal. Write or draw a menu for what it might eat. Include a few interesting facts about where and how it lives.
- Design a chart or poster of what you might eat in a day: the main course, sides, emergency snacks, and drinks. Include notes on where and how your family gets the foods you eat.
- The book introduces and defines the terms "carnivore," "herbivore," and "omnivore," which classify animals based on their diets. The book describes the grizzly bear as an omnivore. Make a chart with these three words as headings and list the other animals profiled in the book under the word you think best describes them.
- Which of the animals profiled in the book is your favorite? Share aloud or write down why.

* Use the internet under the supervision of your teacher or a grown-up helper.