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Key Ideas about Food Chains

1. Food provides both _____ and _____ that living things need to live and grow.
2. Each organism in a food chain can use food matter to _____, to get _____, as wastes, and as energy-supplying _____ for other organisms.
3. Producers are the only organisms that can make energy-supplying food. To make food, they use _____ from the Sun, _____ from the air, and _____ from the soil.
4. Decomposers break down _____ and _____ into carbon dioxide, water, and minerals. These tiny bits of matter are released into the soil and the air, and _____ can use them again to make more food.
5. So _____ is recycled in food chains.
6. Energy is **not** recycled in food chains, so a constant supply of new energy from _____ is needed.