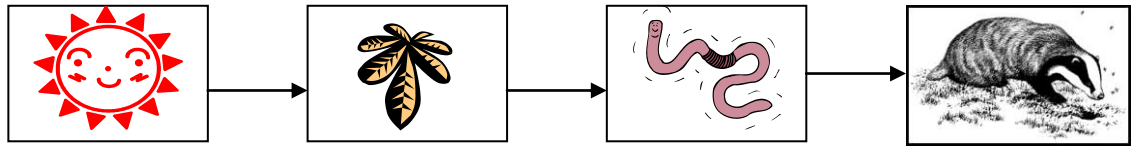


BADGER FOOD CHAINS AND WEBS

As badgers are large animals, you would expect them to catch and eat large prey. But no! Their favourite food in all the world is earthworms! Yes! Earthworms make up about 50% of a badger's diet.

If a badger eats an earthworm, we can say that it is a part of a food chain. A food chain is all of the steps along the way that provide food for an animal.

This is the food chain for a badger who eats a worm.



The original energy came from the Sun. It was used by the plant to grow a leaf. The leaf died and fell from the tree. The earthworm dragged the leaf into its underground tunnel and ate it. The badger came along and ate the worm.

But badgers don't just eat worms. They have a very varied diet. So we say that a badger is part of a food web. A food web is just lots of chains jumbled up together.

See if you can draw arrows to join up all of the chains into a web for our badger.

The central badger is surrounded by various food items and animals:

- Top left: Hedgehog
- Top center: Badger (central focus)
- Top right: Bird and egg
- Middle left: Frog
- Middle: Wasp, Earthworm, Rabbit
- Middle right: Wheat, Carrot
- Bottom left: Beetle, Flower
- Bottom center: Grass
- Bottom right: Grapes, Acorns
- Bottom center: Sun (at the bottom of the page)