

Food Web - Plant, animal, fungus, producer, consumer, decomposer

Print off enough copies of the cards for students to either work with alone or to share. Cut out the cards and provide one set to each student or group. On the first round have everybody sort the cards into plant, animal, or fungus. On the second round have everybody sort the cards into producer, consumer, decomposer. After each round, check for consensus. Pick a controversial item and ask, "Why did you classify the item the way that you did?" or, "How could you explain to somebody else why you classified the item the way that you did?" Fire is an "oddball" for this sorting activity.

Western Redcedar	Douglas-Fir	deer	snail
mushroom	grass	ant	crow
worm	vulture	rabbit	hawk
fox	beetle	bee	fire