Year 2 Reading Comprehension

Food chains

Useful words: energy, caterpillar, predators





I am in the middle of this food chain. I love munching on tasty leaves like this crispy oak leaf. In fact, I spend a lot of my life eating! However, I need to be careful and keep a look out for predators. Although some birds ignore me, there are some scarier birds like this blackbird who will eat me if they see me! This food chain shows how I pass energy from the Oak leaf all the way up to the blackbird.

Oak leaf Caterpillar Blackbird



I am at the end of this food chain and some people would call me a predator. However, this is not where it ends for me because the energy I get from the caterpillar is then given to the animal that eats me! I need to stay away from larger birds like the sparrow hawk and from foxes! I eat juicy caterpillars and other wriggly insects like worms, snails and slugs. I do sometimes eat the occasional berry which makes me an omnivore.



1. Find and copy one word that means ‘chomping’.
2. How does a caterpillar gain energy?
3. Why do caterpillars need to be careful?
4. What word could the author have used instead of ‘crispy’?
5. How do you think a caterpillar feels when they see a blackbird?
6. In this text, what does the word predator mean?
7. What animals tend to hunt blackbirds?
8. Name 3 things that a blackbird likes to eat?