



## Exhibit messages

These are tot-spot exhibits, suitable for pre-school aged children and their adult supervisors.

*Predator Picnic* contains six models (polar bear, octopus, echidna, kookaburra, Venus fly trap and snake) sitting at a picnic table. Toddlers can explore these predators' 'natural lunchboxes' to find prey that these predators eat.

*What's for Dinner?* is the group of four fibreglass animals (hawk, duck, slug and frog) facing each other. It is a simplified food web, showing that sometimes predators can also be prey! Children sit on an animal, turn to face another animal and check the picture in their animal's head—do they eat or get eaten?

## Graphic panel text

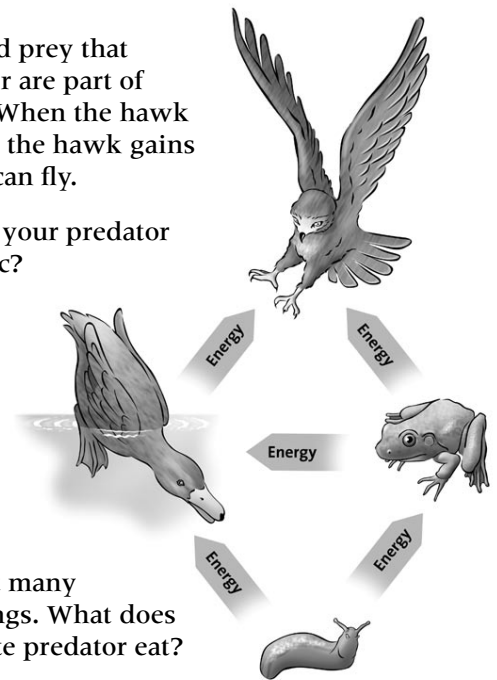
Little predators can explore the *Predator Picnic* table and the *What's for Dinner?* food web.

Will you eat or be eaten?

Some predators need to be careful when they're hunting for a meal, because they might get eaten themselves!

Predators and prey that eat each other are part of a food web. When the hawk eats the frog, the hawk gains energy so it can fly.

What would your predator eat at a picnic?



Predators eat many different things. What does your favourite predator eat?

Snakes steal...eggs to eat!

Octopus catch...crabs to eat!

Echidnas lick up...termites to eat!

Venus fly traps snap...flies to eat!

Polar bears scoop up...fish to eat!

Birds pull up...worms to eat!

## Further information

How does the Venus flytrap digest flies?

*Scientific American*. Ask the Experts.

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