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## Omnivores Unveiled: Nature's Versatile Eaters

### Short Answer Key

1. Omnivores are organisms that have a diverse diet consisting of both plant and animal matter.
2. Human, bear, raccoon, pig, certain birds and fish (any one is acceptable).
3. Omnivores contribute to the balance of ecosystems by consuming a variety of organisms and controlling populations.
4. Omnivores play a role in nutrient cycling within ecosystems by facilitating the transfer of energy and nutrients throughout the food chain.
5. Omnivores are important for maintaining the flow of energy through ecosystems because they serve as important links in food webs, connecting different trophic levels.

