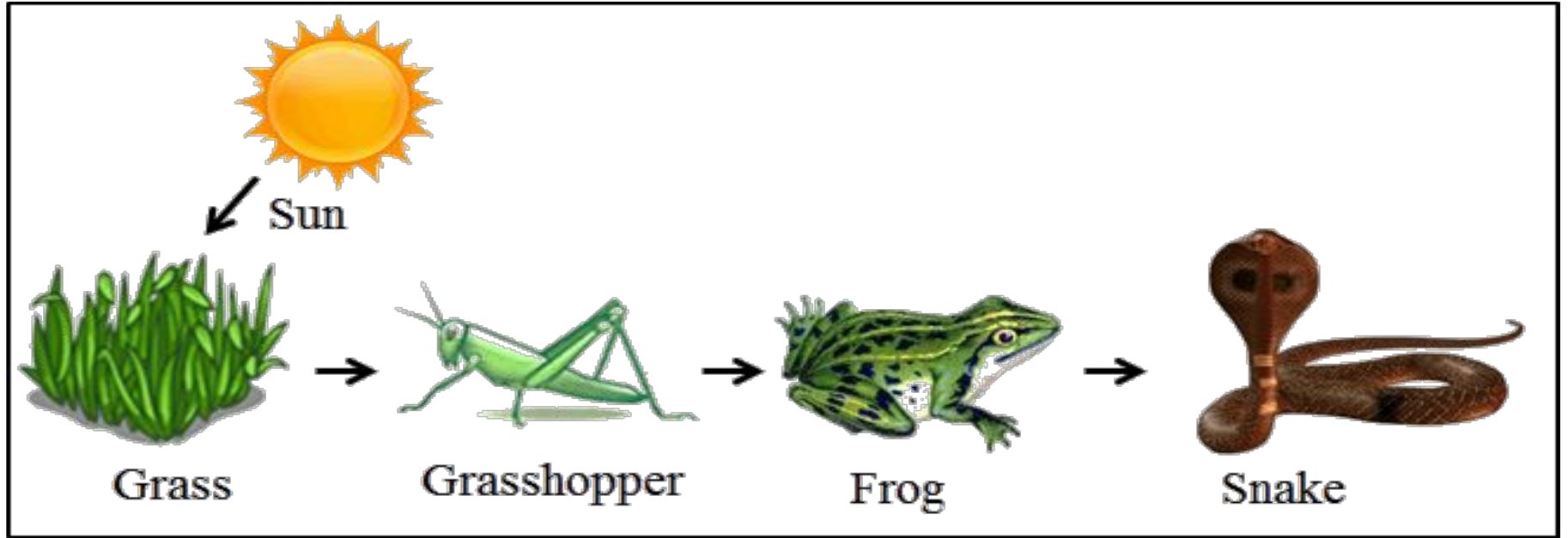
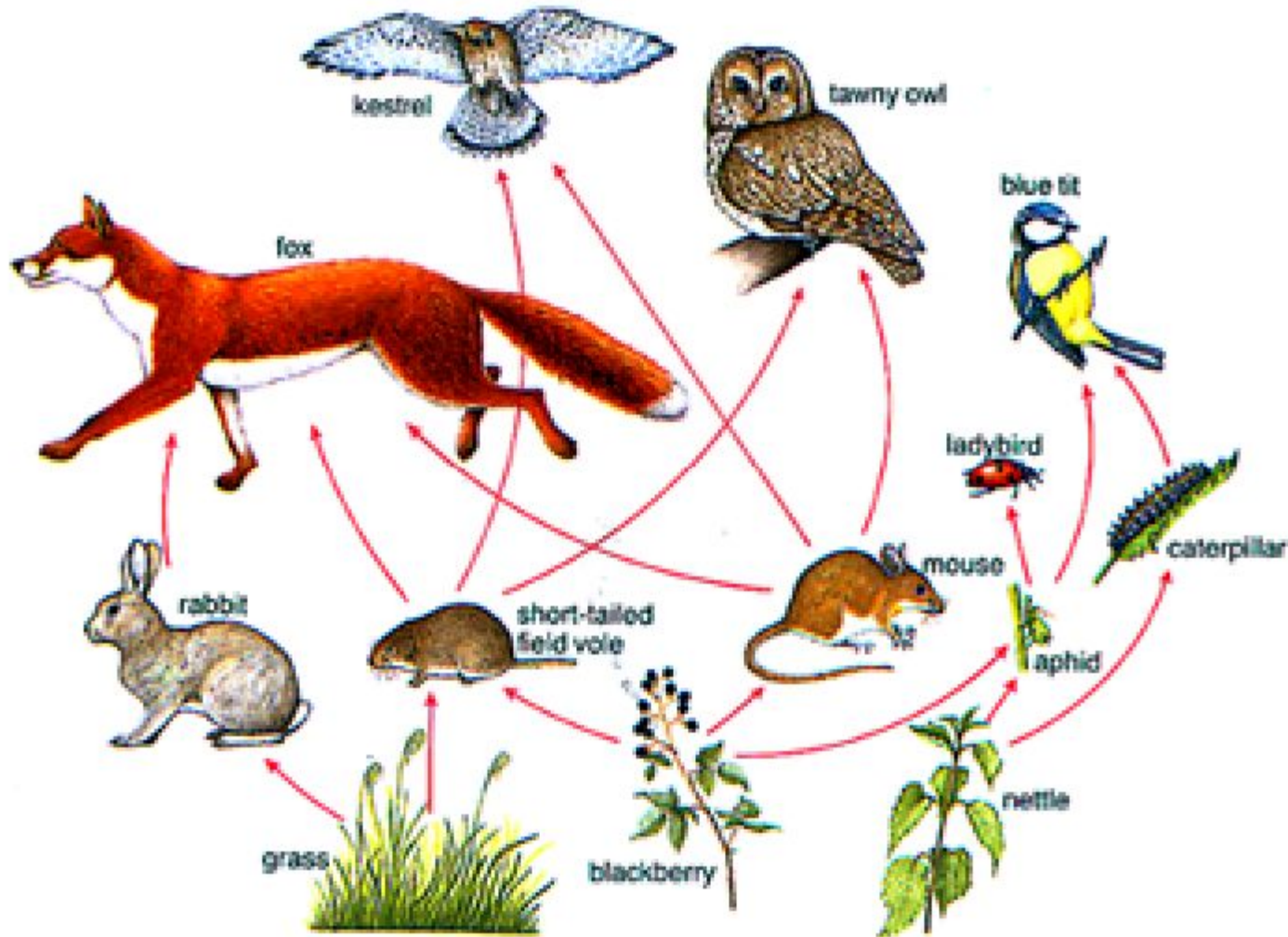


**Food chain**: energy that is passed directly from the sun to autotrophs and then to various consumers by eating.





**Food webs:**  
network of  
complex  
interactions  
through feeding  
relationships  
among various  
organisms within  
an ecosystem.

**Trophic level**: each step in a food chain or food web

1. Primary producers
2. Primary consumers
3. Secondary consumers
4. Tertiary consumers
5. Quaternary consumers (Apex predators)

