

# Zoe Sees a Food Chain on Hanukkah

Grade 2

Science

Nonfiction

Hanukkah Theme

~86 words

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

 **READ — READ THIS PASSAGE CAREFULLY. YOU MAY READ IT TWICE.**

Zoe watched the menorah glow on Hanukkah. She looked outside at the snowy yard. A small mouse nibbled pine cone seeds. Plants grow and make seeds. Seeds are food for small animals. Then a big owl swooped down fast. It caught the mouse in its claws. The owl needed the mouse for food. Zoe saw a **\*\*food chain\*\*** in action! A food chain shows how energy moves. Energy goes from plants to animals. Plants feed mice. Mice feed owls. Zoe learned all living things are linked.

 *Tip: Read the passage twice before turning to the questions on the next page.*

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Questions

 **ANSWER** USE THE PASSAGE ON PAGE 1 TO HELP FIND YOUR ANSWERS.

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## TEXT EVIDENCE

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TEACHER / PARENT USE ONLY — Suggested answers shown below each question

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## MAIN IDEA

### 1. What is this passage mostly about?

This passage is mostly about how Zoe watched a food chain happen outside her window on Hanukkah night.

## TEXT EVIDENCE

### 2. What did Zoe see the mouse doing outside? Use words from the passage in your answer.

The passage says "a small mouse nibbled pine cone seeds," which shows the mouse was eating seeds from a plant.

## VOCABULARY

### 3. What does the word food chain mean in this passage?

In this passage, a food chain means the way energy moves from one living thing to another, such as from plants to mice to owls.

## INFERENCE

### 4. Why do you think Zoe was surprised when she looked outside that night?

Zoe was probably surprised because she was celebrating Hanukkah indoors and did not expect to see wild animals eating and hunting right outside her window.

## CAUSE AND EFFECT

### 5. Why did the owl swoop down and catch the mouse?

The owl swooped down and caught the mouse because it needed the mouse for food, just like the mouse needed seeds from plants to eat.

## TEXT EVIDENCE

### 6. How does the passage show that energy moves through a food chain? Find a sentence that proves this.

The passage states "energy goes from plants to animals," which proves that living things pass energy to one another in a food chain.