

For Teachers and Parents:

Explain to students that, just like us, animals have to eat food to live and grow. Some animals eat only plants. They are called **herbivores**. There are animals that only eat meat. Those animals are called **carnivores**. And some animals will eat both plants and meat. They are called **omnivores**.

Observing what kind of teeth an animal has can help you figure out what it eats.

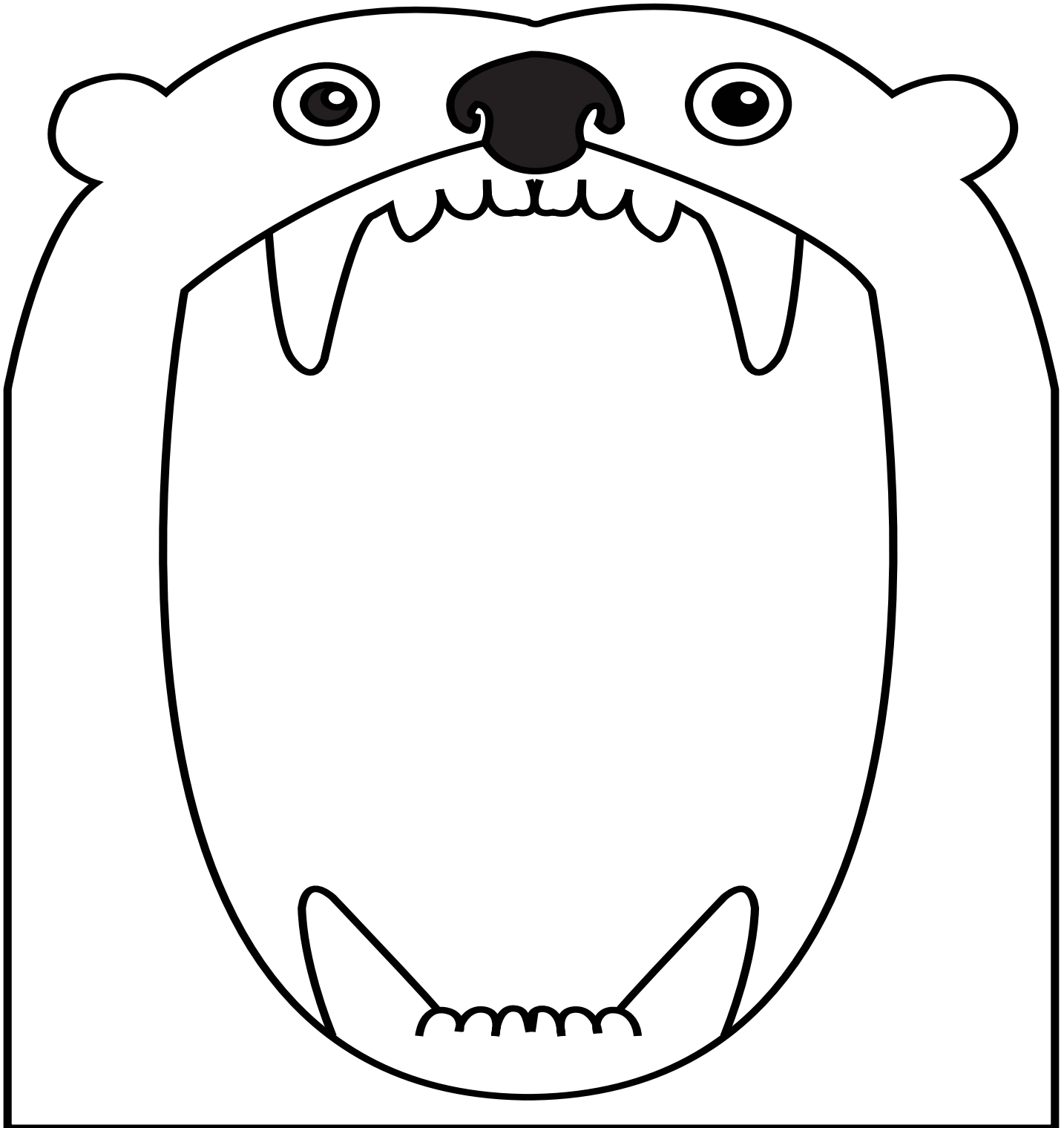
Herbivores have big, wide, flat molars they use to grind up leaves and grasses. Carnivores have long, sharp teeth that help them grab prey. Omnivores have **diverse** teeth, meaning they have both kinds of teeth- the long, sharp biting kind and the wide, flat chewing kind.

Activity: Have students complete the sentences at the top of the 3 following pages and have them write or draw things that each animal likes to eat inside its mouth. Ask students to name other animals and say if they are herbivores, carnivores, or omnivores, based on what kinds of food they like to eat.

Name

A bear has teeth that are

A bear is an



Name

A lion has teeth that are

A lion is a



Name

A zebra has teeth that are

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