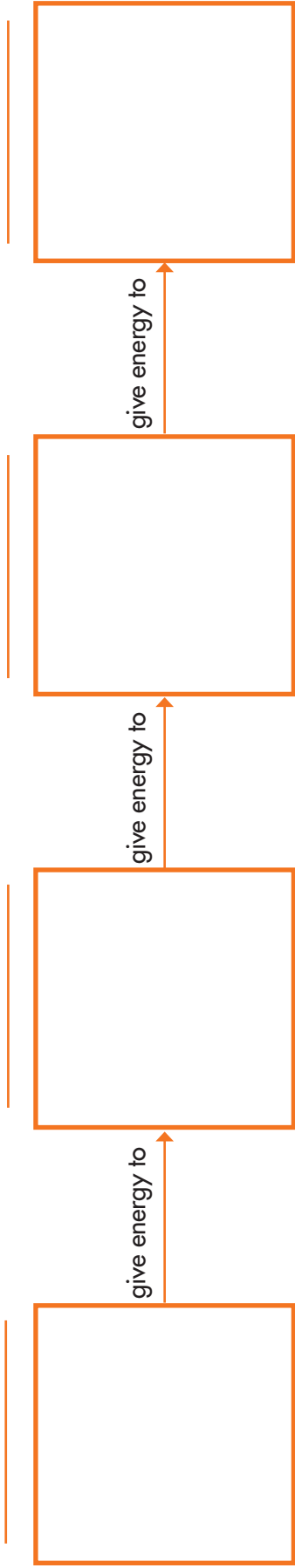


Dining in Antarctica

Read “Counting Penguins” (April 2020), a story about taking a penguin census in Antarctica. Then learn about the Antarctic food chain below.

Phytoplankton are tiny organisms that grow in the waters of Antarctica. Krill are animals that live in the ocean and feed on phytoplankton. Penguins eat krill and small fish. To get their food, penguins must dive into the water. When they are in the water, they must watch out for killer whales. Killer whales hunt penguins, seals, and other fish.

A food chain shows how animals get energy from what they eat. Use the information above to draw and label a food chain of Antarctica.



*Top of the food chain

Think and Discuss: Krill need sea ice to grow in safety. Climate change is causing sea ice to melt. What might happen to krill?