Food chain picture card activities

Equipment

- Food chain picture cards
- Scissors
- Glue

Method

1. Cut out a picture.
2. Put a small amount of glue on the 'glue here' area of the picture.
3. Roll the picture into a tube and glue the edges together.
4. Stand the tube upright and leave to dry.
5. Repeat the first four steps for all other pictures.

Activities

1. Slot the tubes inside each other to make different food chains and explain to others what you have found out. Take photographs of your food chains or write them down on paper.
2. Look at the size of the tubes. What do you notice? Decide why one large animal needs to eat many different species of smaller animals to survive. Jot down notes to explain your thinking.
3. Take an animal out of your food chain. What might happen if this animal disappeared from the ocean? Write down your ideas and share them with others.
4. Remove the sardines, krill and shrimp and discuss what might happen to the food chain. Jot down your ideas and write a short speech to highlight the problems of overfishing.

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