## How to Use 3-Part Sorting Cards

**Step 1:** Naturally expose the children to the new vocabulary by regularly using it in conversations and reading books about animals. Step 2: Use the photo-only cards from this packet in 3-period lessons to practice the vocabulary (see www. maitrilearning.com for instructions). Step 3: With a child who is a strong phonetic reader, lay the sorting labels in a row across the top of your work area. Sort the photo-only cards under the matching label (e.g., shark under carnivore, human under omnivore). (Note: Pre-readers can sort without labels.) Use the backs of the photos as a control of error. Step 4: Lay out the photo-only cards in one or two columns. Leave space under each photo to place the word-only card. Then, show the child how to read each word card and match it to its photo. When all words/photos are matched, show the child how to place the control cards (photos & words together on one card) just to the right of the matched photo/word cards so they can check their own work.

## Carnivores, Herbivores & **Omnivores**

Different types of animals eat different types of foods. Herbivores, like cows, only eat plants. Cows have flat teeth to grind plants down when they chew and four stomachs to help them digest grass.

Carnivores, like sharks, only eat other animals. They have sharp teeth to help them kill and eat their prey.

Omnivores, like humans, can eat plants or animals. We have some flat teeth for grinding food and some sharp teeth for tearing food.

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shark



caterpillars hummingbird

parrotfish

sea turtle