

WHO EATS WHAT?

PRAIRIE FOOD CHAINS



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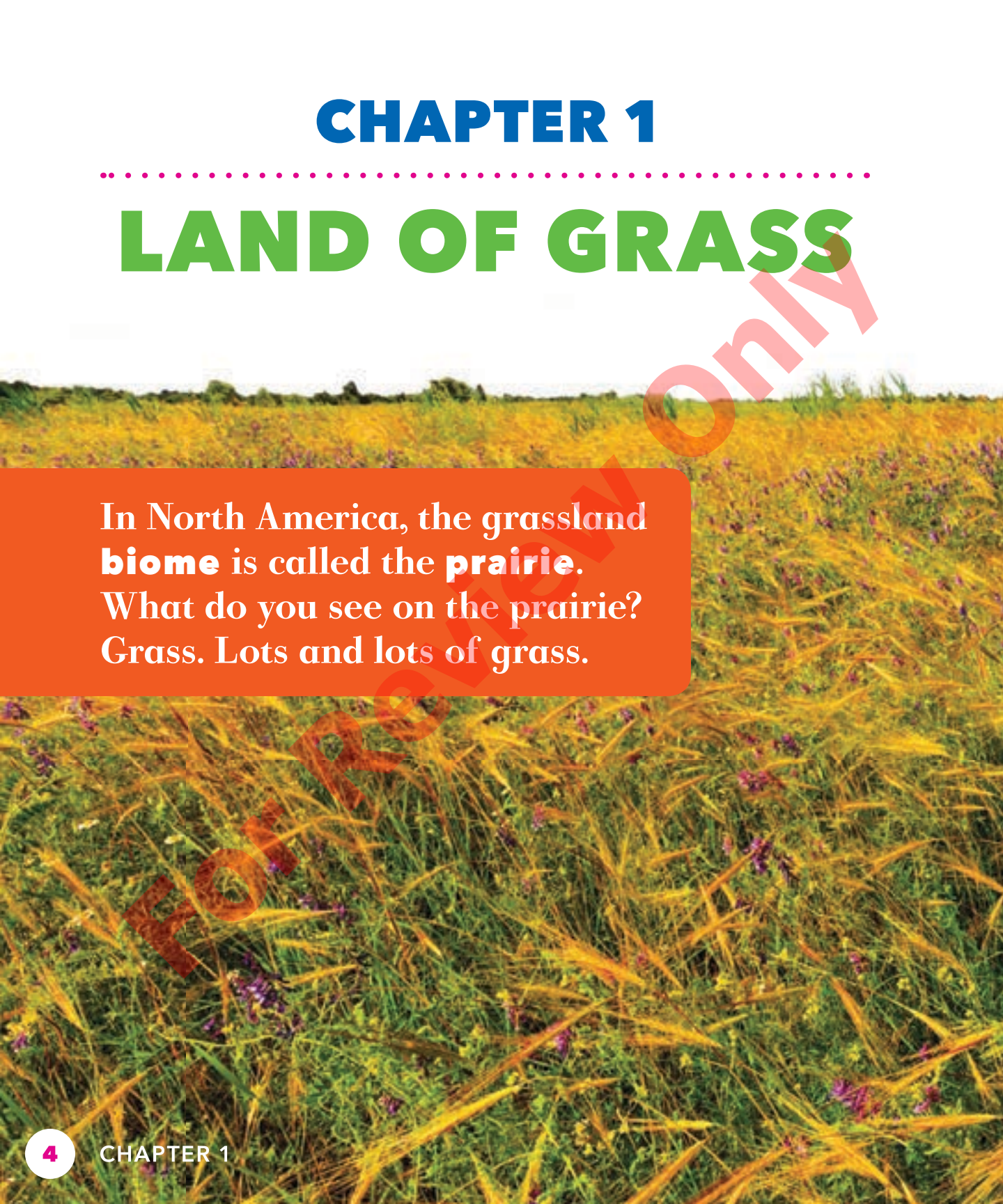
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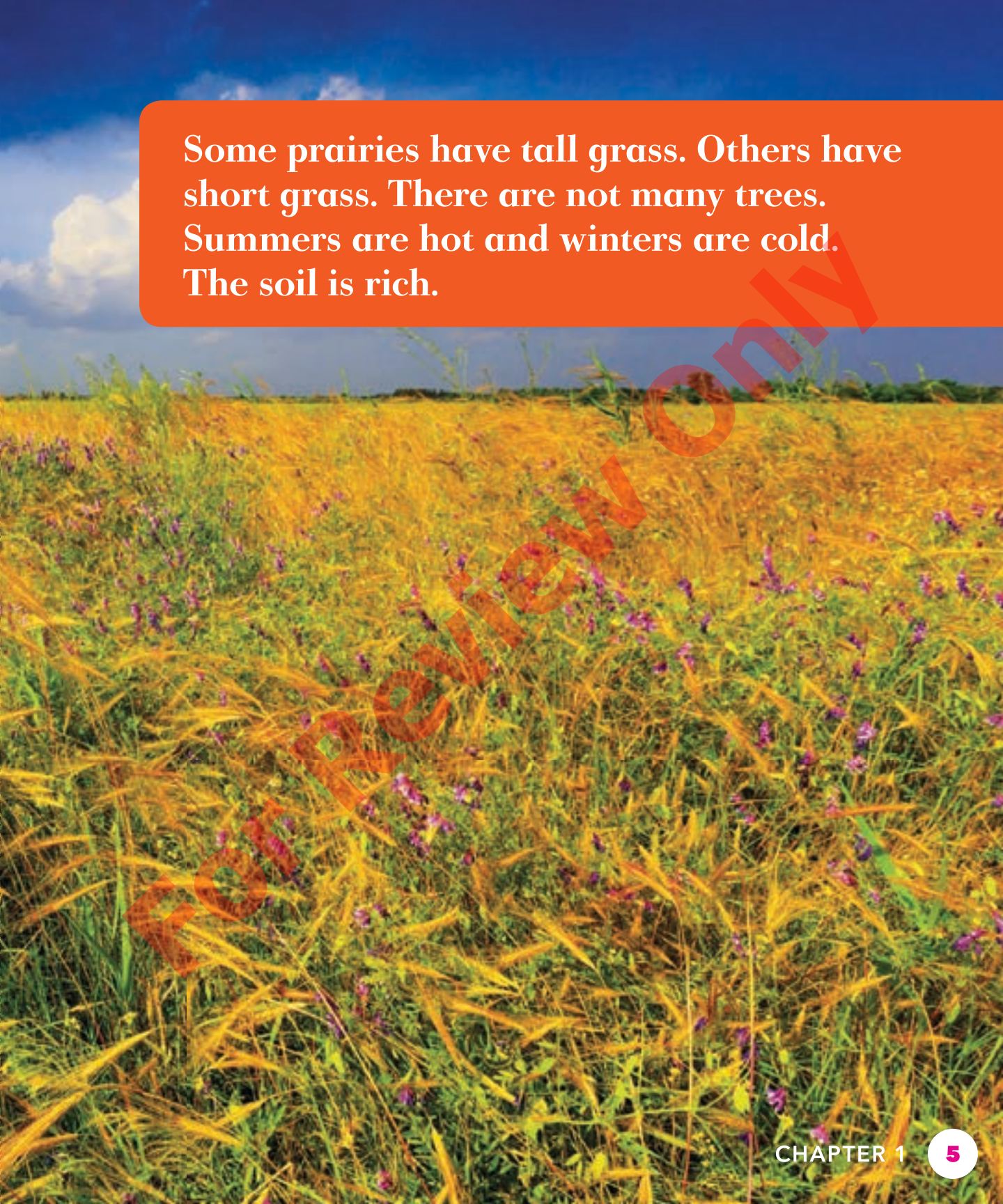


CHAPTER 1

A large field of tall grass with purple wildflowers under a clear sky. The grass is a mix of green and yellow, indicating it might be late summer or early autumn. The purple flowers are scattered throughout the field. The sky is a pale blue with some light clouds. The overall scene is a typical prairie landscape.

LAND OF GRASS

In North America, the grassland **biome** is called the **prairie**.
What do you see on the prairie?
Grass. Lots and lots of grass.



Some prairies have tall grass. Others have short grass. There are not many trees. Summers are hot and winters are cold. The soil is rich.

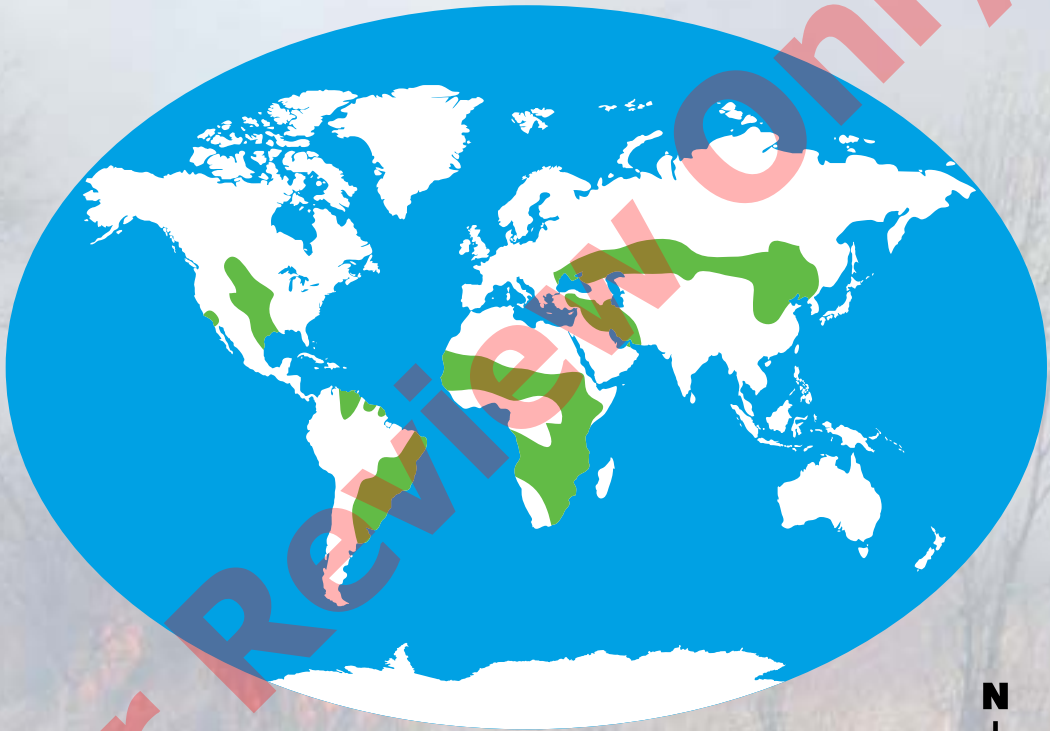
Fires keep a prairie healthy. They burn trees and other plants that might crowd out grasses. Ashes mix with the rich soil and help grasses grow.

Grass roots are long. When wildfires burn the grass, the roots survive. The grass grows back.

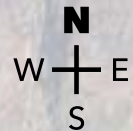


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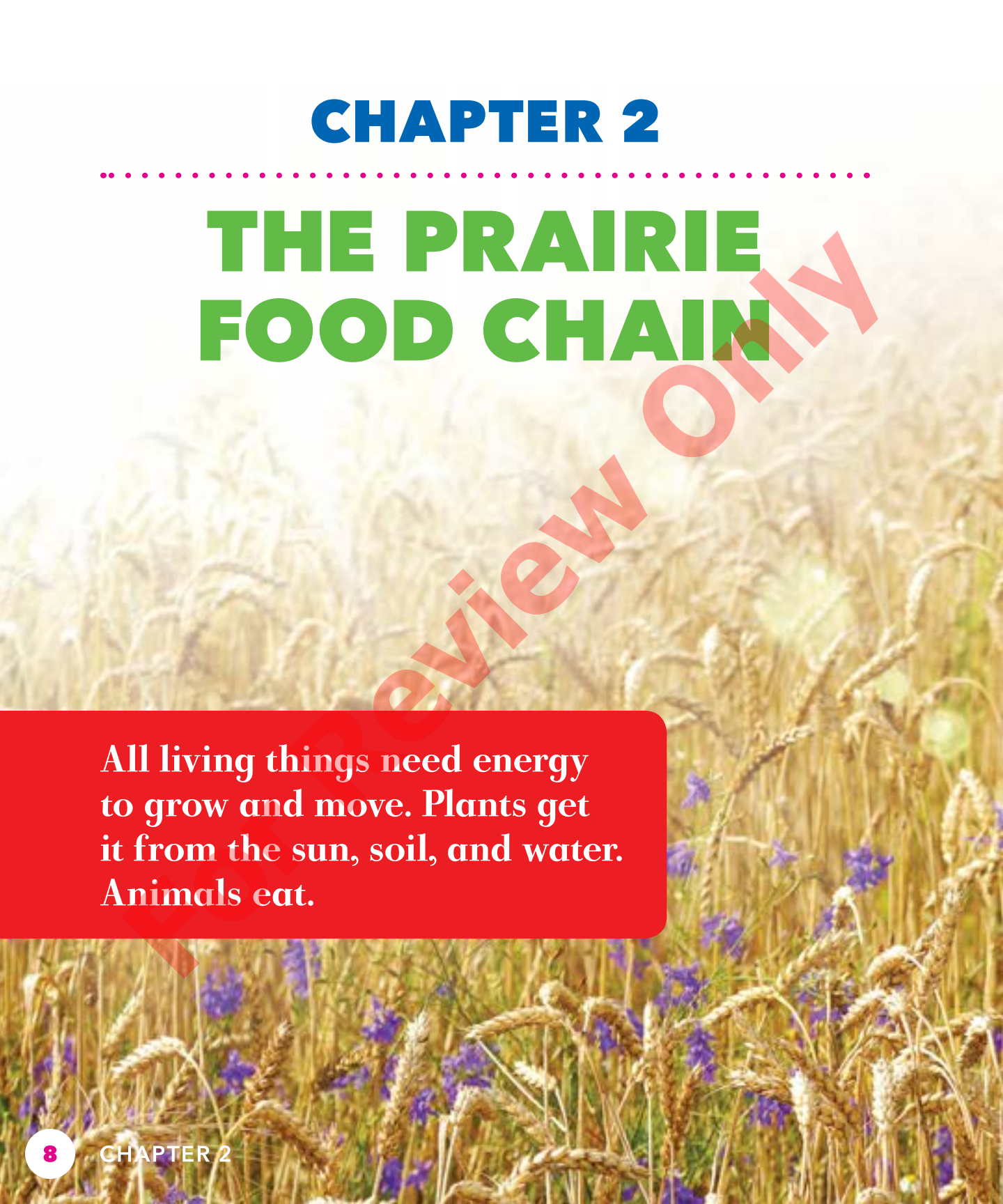
There are grasslands on almost every continent.
The prairie in North America is called the Great Plains.



■ = Grasslands



CHAPTER 2

A background image of a field of golden wheat. In the foreground, there are several stalks of wheat with small purple flowers. The text 'CHAPTER 2' is at the top in blue. Below it is a dotted line. The title 'THE PRAIRIE FOOD CHAIN' is in large green letters. A red diagonal watermark 'Review Only' is across the middle. A red box at the bottom left contains text about energy. At the bottom left, there is a page number '8' in a white circle and the text 'CHAPTER 2'.

THE PRAIRIE FOOD CHAIN

All living things need energy to grow and move. Plants get it from the sun, soil, and water. Animals eat.



A **food chain** shows what they eat. It starts with plants and ends with animals. Each living thing in the food chain eats the one before it.