

There are many different words for **eat**. Aim to make your writing more colourful by using some of the synonyms used below.

**eat eagerly**

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binge	gobble	scoff ( <i>infml</i> )
bolt down ( <i>infml</i> )	gulp down	tuck into ( <i>infml</i> )
chomp	munch	wolf down ( <i>infml</i> )
devour	pig out ( <i>infml</i> )	
feast	polish off ( <i>infml</i> )	

**eat a little**

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chew	peck	snack
nibble	pick at	

**eat meals**

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breakfast	have supper/tea
dine	lunch

**animals**

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gnaw	graze
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**eat away at something**

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corrode	decay	rot
crumble	erode	rust



The following passage uses some alternative ways for expressing eat, ate and eaten.

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Maria and Rose went to the zoo. They brought bread for the *gulped it down* ducks who ~~ate~~ it very quickly. Then they watched the monkeys *tuck into* ~~eat~~ bananas and the sea lions perform tricks for fish, which they *devoured* ~~ate~~. It was hot so the girls bought ice lollies to *chomp* ~~eat~~ and sat in the shade. The bars of the cage next to them had been *corroded* ~~eaten~~ by rust and an elephant was able to get his trunk through the bars and steal Maria's ice lolly. He had *gobbled it up* ~~eaten~~ it before she was able to stop him! When the girls got home they were so *wolfed down* ~~ate~~ hungry they ~~ate~~ a very big meal.

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