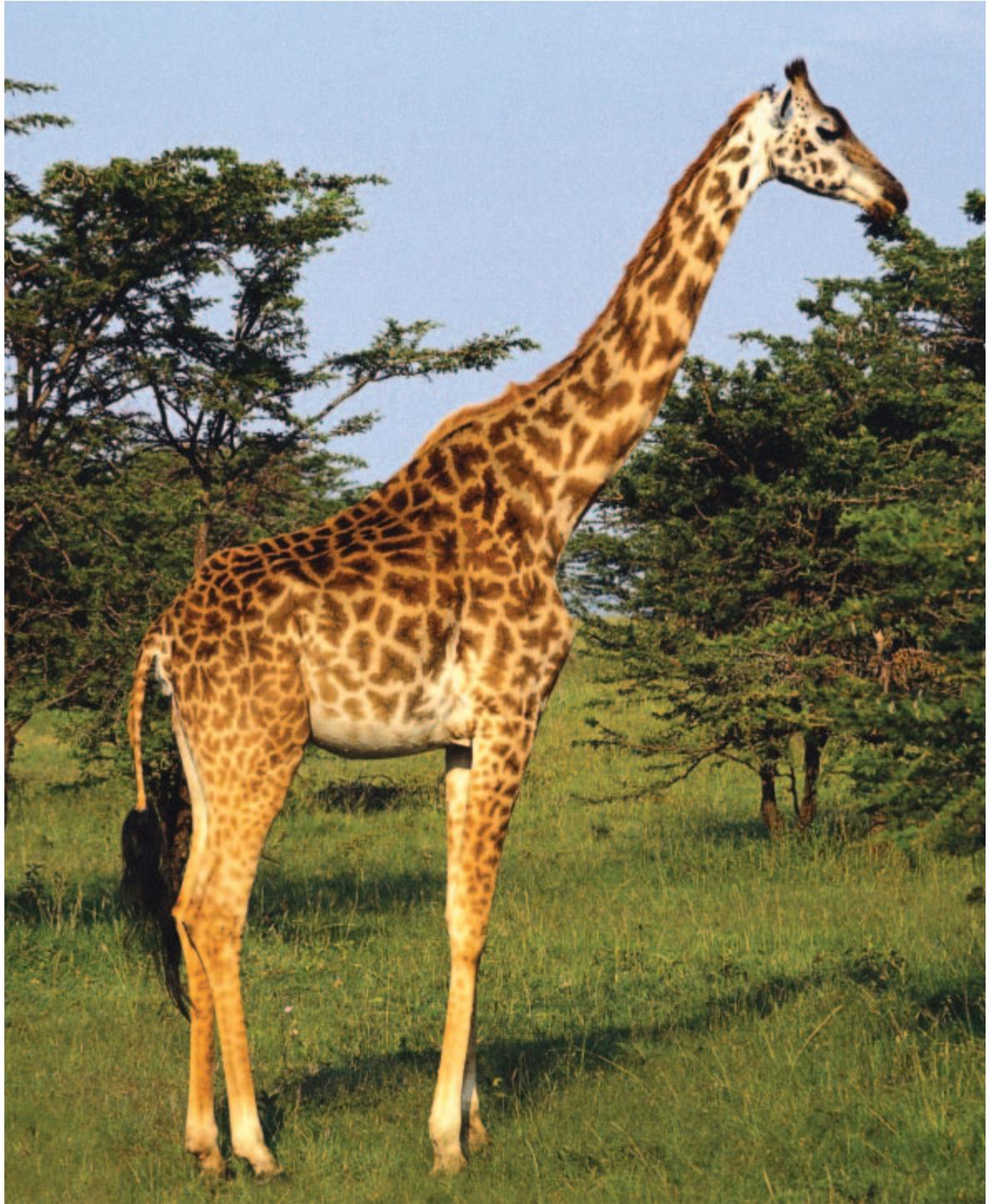


3. Answers will vary. Students should understand that the second organism has a defining characteristic that is different from that of animals, and therefore belongs in another classification.

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1. The animal is heterotrophic, obtaining food by consuming other organisms.

2. Answers will vary. Students should understand that methods of obtaining nutrients are one, but not the only, defining characteristic of organisms.



1. Is this animal creating its own food or obtaining it from another organism?
2. If another organism obtains food in this way, must it belong to the same classification as the giraffe? Explain your answer.
3. If animals obtain nutrients only from other organisms, is an organism that creates its own nutrients an animal? Why, or why not?