

Lion

The lion is the second biggest living cat after the tiger.



Wild lions currently live in Africa and in Asia. They typically inhabit areas of savannah and grassland.



The most distinctive and well-known characteristic of the species is the mane of the adult male lion.

The lion is an endangered species due to habitat loss and conflict with humans.



Did you know?

The lion's closest relatives are the tiger, the jaguar and the leopard.



Giraffe



The giraffe is the tallest living mammal that lives on land. It is around 5-6 metres tall.

The giraffe has an extremely long neck which can be up to 2 metres long in fully-grown adults.

Giraffes usually live in savannahs, open woodlands and grasslands.

Did you know?

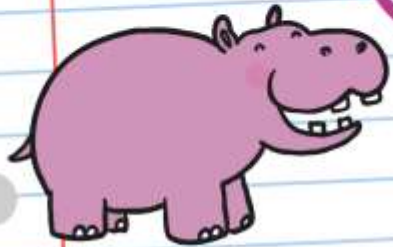
Like camels, giraffes can go for long periods without drinking water.



Giraffes use their long necks to eat the leaves at the top of trees where they are more nutritious.



Hippopotamus



Did you know?

Baby hippos are born underwater. They can swim almost from the moment they are born!



Hippopotamuses live in rivers and lakes in central and southern Africa.

A group of hippos is led by one large male. The other members are all females and young hippos. The leader of the group fights off any rivals to keep control of his mating territory.



Hippopotamuses spend most of the day in the water to keep cool in the hot, tropical climate.

The hippo's nose, ears and eyes are on top of its head and they stick out above the water, allowing them to breathe, see, and hear while their body is submerged.

Elephant

Did you know?

Pregnant elephants give birth to one calf which stays with the mother for many years.

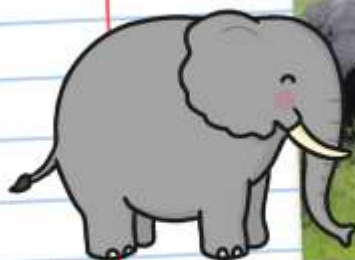


There are two species of elephant: the African elephant and the Asian elephant.

The African elephant is the largest living land mammal.

Elephants have high levels of intelligence and are very sociable.

Elephants use their long trunks to smell, dig, dust themselves and to collect water and food such as berries and the leaves from the tops of trees.



Meerkat

The meerkat is a small mammal belonging to the mongoose family.



Meerkats are burrowing animals and they live in large underground tunnels which they leave only in the day.

They are very social, living in large colonies of around 20-30 meerkats.

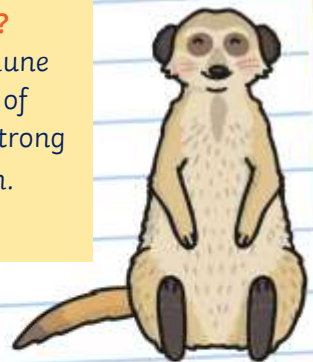
Meerkats have keen senses of smell, hearing and vision.



The meerkat diet is mostly insects, but they will also eat small scorpions, reptiles, eggs and plants.

Did you know?

Meerkats are immune to certain types of venom, including strong scorpion venom.



Zebra

Did you know?

Zebra stripes come in different patterns, unique to each individual.



Zebras are a species of the horse family, united by their distinctive black and white stripes.



Zebras are social animals that live in herds.

Zebras live in a variety of habitats: grasslands, savannahs, woodlands and mountains.

Zebras are herbivores, which means they only eat plants and grasses and no meat.



Ostrich



The ostrich is the tallest and heaviest of all birds.

Although ostriches have wings, they cannot fly.

Ostriches have long, powerful legs and can run at speeds of over 40 miles an hour.

Ostriches live in Africa's savannahs and deserts.

Ostriches are mainly vegetarian. They have a diet of roots, leaves, seeds and flowers but they will also eat insects and small lizards.

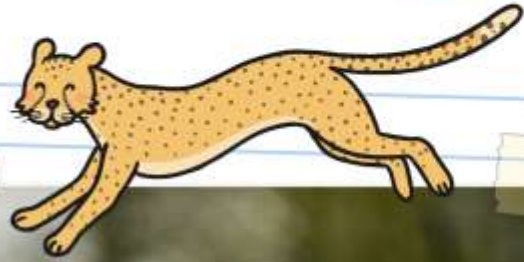


Did you know?

One ostrich egg is about the size of 24 chicken eggs!



Cheetah



The cheetah is the fastest mammal on land, it can reach speeds of over 60 miles an hour!

The cheetah is well camouflaged because its spotted coat blends with the tall, dry grass of the plains.

Cheetahs eat animals such as hares, wildebeest calves and gazelles.

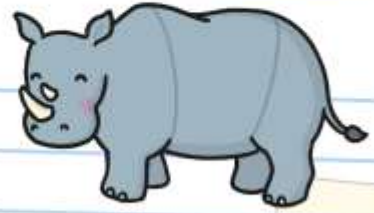
Did you know?

After a cheetah has chased down its prey, it needs half an hour to catch its breath before it can eat.

The cheetah's excellent eyesight helps it find prey during the day.

Sometimes it perches in high places and watches for prey.

Rhinoceros



The rhinoceros, often called rhino, is an animal native to Africa and Southern Asia.

Rhinos are characterised by their large size, often weighing around a tonne or more in weight.

Rhinoceroses have a diet of leaves, buds, shoots and grass.

The rhino is an endangered species. Rhino populations have declined drastically because it is hunted by humans for its horn.

Did you know?

Most Rhinos have two horns but there are some species that have only one.

To prevent extinction, many rhinos are now kept in fenced sanctuaries and safari parks.