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Tigers

What Do Tigers Look Like?

Tigers are mammals. They are the biggest of the big cat family. Most tigers have orange fur with black stripes on their body. Some tigers have black or white fur with light brown stripes. The stripes help to camouflage the tigers when they are hunting for their prey. The markings on every tiger are different, a bit like human fingerprints.

They have long legs to help them run fast and sharp claws to catch and kill their food. They also have a very long tail.



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Did You Know...?

Unlike other cats, tigers love water and are fantastic swimmers.

Where Do Tigers Live?

Tigers that live in the wild live in Asia. Some live in the cold parts of the north, others live in the south where it is hotter. Tigers live in different types of forests. They like to live and hunt on their own and mark their territory by scratching marks on trees with their powerful claws.

Sadly, tiger habitats are being destroyed and people hunt them for their fur. This means tigers are now endangered. Most are living in captivity, in places like a zoo or wildlife sanctuaries, to protect them.



What Do Tigers Eat?

Tigers are carnivorous (they only eat meat). They like to hunt for food at night. They silently stalk their prey and then pounce, biting it with their strong, sharp teeth. Tigers eat pigs, rhinos, deer, cows and horses, as well as other smaller animals.



Questions

1. What do tigers have on their fur?

2. Complete the sentence:

The markings on every tiger are different, a bit like human _____.

3. Where do tigers that live in the wild live? Tick one.

- ☐ Africa
☐ America
☐ Asia

4. What do tigers like to do that other big cats do not? Tick one.

- ☐ sun bathe
☐ swim
☐ sleep

5. What do tigers eat? Write down two examples.

_____ and _____.

6. Why are most tigers living in captivity?

Sharks

There are more than 500 different species of shark, including the great white shark, grey reef shark, hammerhead shark, tiger shark, blue shark, bull shark and mako shark. Sharks have five to seven gill slits on the sides of their head.

Where do they live?

Sharks can be found in every ocean in the world. Most sharks don't live in freshwater but some, like the river shark and the bull shark, can live in both freshwater and seawater. Most shark attacks happen in Australia, South Africa, America and Brazil.



Grey Reef Shark



School of Hammerhead Sharks

Big Facts

1. A group of sharks is called a shoal, school or shiver.
2. Sharks do not have any bones in their bodies! They have a skeleton of cartilage instead.
3. One of the smallest sharks is the dwarf lantern shark, which is usually only around 17cm in length.
4. The largest fish in the world is the whale shark, which can measure up to a massive 14 metres long!

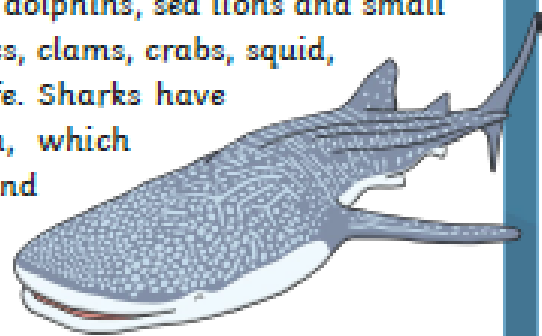
What do they eat?

Some types of shark can be deadly, but only about 12 species have ever been involved in human attacks. Humans are actually very harmful to sharks as they illegally hunt them for their meat,

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organs and skin. This has led to the great white shark becoming an endangered species.

A shark's feeding depends on its species and where it lives. Most sharks are meat eaters so they often like to eat fish and other sharks, and some larger sharks eat dolphins, sea lions and small whales. Smaller sharks eat molluscs, clams, crabs, squid, lobster and other small aquatic life. Sharks have many rows of replacement teeth, which grow on the inside of their jaws and move forward when needed - a bit like a conveyor belt!

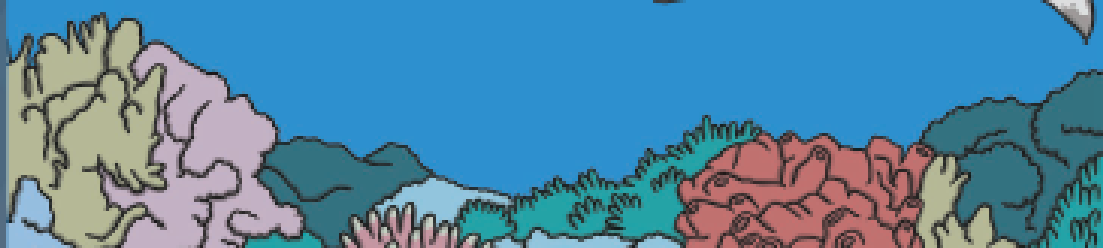
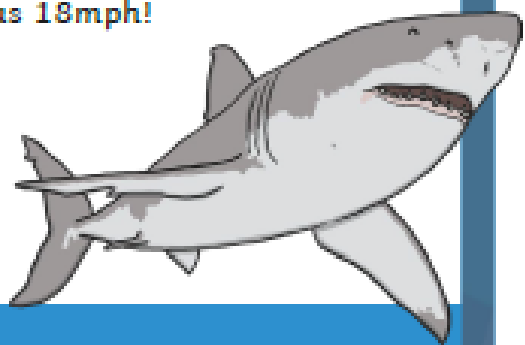


What are they good at?

A shark's sense of smell is so good that they can smell a single drop of blood in the water from 400 metres away. Their hearing is also amazing because they can hear fish moving from around 500 metres away! A baby shark is called a pup. Pups are born already able to take care of themselves. They have to swim away fast as some mothers try to eat their own pups and their own siblings can even attack them! Great white sharks can swim as fast as 18mph!

Amazing Fact!

Most shark species would die if they stopped moving. As long as they keep swimming, water keeps moving over their gills, which keeps them alive.



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Questions about Sharks

1. How many different types of shark are there?

2. Name six species of shark.

3. How small is the smallest shark?

4. Which countries have had the most shark attacks?

5. Do all species of shark attack humans?

6. Why have some humans hunted sharks and what has this led to?

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7. What is special about sharks' teeth?

8. Describe how good a shark's smell and hearing are.

9. What are baby sharks able to do straight away and why?

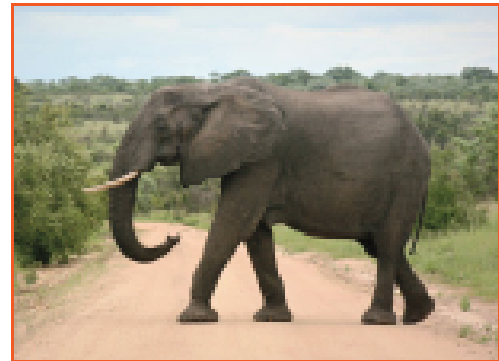
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Elephants

Elephants

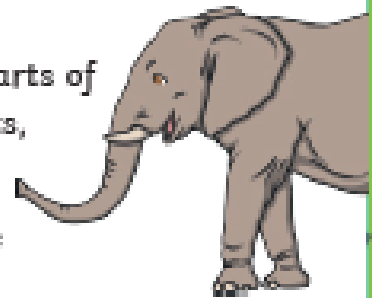
Elephants are the largest land mammals in the world. There are three types of elephant: African savanna elephants, African forest elephants and Asian elephants. Elephants have trunks, which they use for smelling, breathing, making sounds, squirting water and picking things up. The ears of an African elephant are much larger than those of an Asian elephant. Both male and female African elephants grow tusks, but only male Asian elephants can.



Habitat

African elephants can be found in different parts of central, west, east and south Africa: in deserts, savannas (grasslands) and rainforests.

Asian elephants live on grasslands and in the forests of India and south-east Asia.

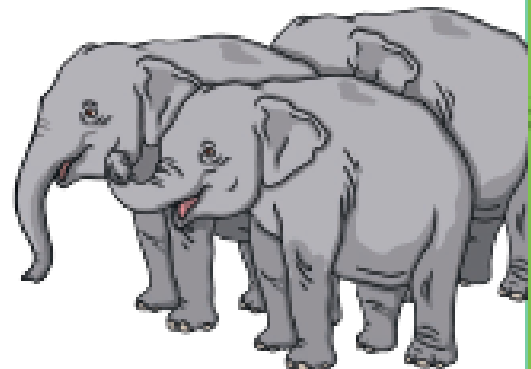


Some elephant habitats are being destroyed, because forests are being cut down and the land used for building or farming. This loss of habitat is one of the reasons why elephants are in danger of becoming extinct.

Diet

Elephants are herbivores and eat grass, leaves, roots, flowers, fruits and bark.

They need so much food that they can spend most of their day eating.



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Elephants

Fun Facts

- Elephants can use their trunks as snorkels to help them breathe underwater.
- Elephants sometimes suck their trunks when they feel nervous.
- Female elephants live in groups with their young. Male elephants usually live on their own.
- Elephants do not like bees, so some farmers keep bees near the fields, to stop elephants from eating their crops.
- Elephants can live up to 70 years old in the wild. However, African elephants live on average 56 years and Asian elephants live on average 42 years in the wild.
- Elephant tusks are made from ivory.



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