

Tigers — Big Cats of the Wild

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A tiger is one of the biggest **wild** cats in the world. It has orange fur with black **stripe**s all over its **body**. No two tigers have the same stripes — just like no two people have the same fingerprints. Tigers are very strong and beautiful animals.

Most tigers live in the **forest** in Asia. They like to be near rivers and lakes. The trees help tigers hide from other animals. Tigers are very good at staying still and quiet so other animals cannot see them coming.

Tigers love to **eat** meat. They **hunt** animals like deer and wild pigs. A tiger can walk very quietly. It sneaks up close, then **run**s fast and jumps onto its food. Tigers are some of the fastest runners in the animal world.

Tigers have large, bright **eye**s that can see very well, even at **night**. This helps them find food in the dark. Tiger mothers take good care of their **baby** cubs for about two years. Baby cubs learn to hunt by watching their mother.

Today, there are not many tigers left in the world. People cut down forests and build on tiger land. This makes it hard for tigers to stay **safe**. We must protect tigers and their homes so these big and beautiful wild cats can live for many more years.

A. Vocabulary

1. wild ____	a. protected from danger or harm
2. stripe ____	b. the part of the face used for seeing
3. body ____	c. to put food in your mouth, chew it, and swallow it
4. forest ____	d. the time of day when the sky is dark
5. hunt ____	e. a large area of land covered with many trees
6. eat ____	f. to search for and catch animals for food
7. run ____	g. to move quickly on your legs or feet
8. eye ____	h. living in nature, not kept by people as a pet
9. night ____	i. a long, thin band of color different from the area around it
10. safe ____	j. all the physical parts of an animal or person



B. True or False

1. A tiger is a wild cat. ____
2. Tigers have orange fur with white stripes. ____
3. All tigers have the same stripe pattern. ____
4. Most tigers live in forests in Asia. ____
5. Tigers eat only fruit and leaves. ____
6. Tigers can run very fast to catch their food. ____
7. Tigers have small, weak eyes that cannot see in the dark. ____
8. Tiger mothers take care of their baby cubs for about two years. ____
9. Today, tigers need our protection to survive. ____



C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: forest, hunt, run, night, safe

1. Most tigers live in a _____ in Asia near rivers and lakes.
2. Tigers _____ animals like deer and wild pigs for food.

3. A tiger can _____ very fast to catch its food.

4. Tigers can see very well at _____ because they have large, bright eyes.

5. We must protect tigers and their homes to keep them _____.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. What do tigers look like? Describe their color and body.
2. Where do most tigers live, and why do they like to be near water?
3. How do tigers hunt? What do they eat?
4. How do a tiger's eyes help it hunt at night?
5. Why are tigers in danger today, and how can people help?

E. Discussion Questions

1. If you could safely observe a tiger in the wild, what would you most want to learn about it?
2. Why is it important to protect wild animals like tigers even if they can be dangerous?
3. What can students your age do to help keep tigers safe?





Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-h, 2-i, 3-j, 4-e, 5-f, 6-c, 7-g, 8-b, 9-d, 10-a

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-F, 3-F, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-F, 8-T, 9-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-forest, 2-hunt, 3-run, 4-night, 5-safe

D. Comprehension:

1. Tigers have orange fur with black stripes all over their body. No two tigers have the same stripe pattern.
2. Most tigers live in forests in Asia. They like to be near rivers and lakes because they drink water and sometimes cool off by swimming.
3. Tigers hunt by sneaking quietly close to their prey, then running fast and jumping on it. They eat meat such as deer and wild pigs.
4. Tigers have large, bright eyes that can see very well even when it is dark, which helps them find and catch food at night.
5. Tigers are in danger because people cut down forests and build on tiger land. People can help by protecting forests, supporting conservation programs, and learning about tigers.

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