Giraffes

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Giraffe Facts

- Giraffes are the world's tallest mammals.
- Giraffes can run 56 kph for short distances.
- They have very long bluish-purple tongues (over 50cm) that help them eat one of their most likes foods, the thorny acacia tree.
- Giraffes have spots that cover most of their body. No two giraffes have the same spotted pattern.
- Giraffes require the least amount of sleep of any animal, about 2 hours a day. They also only sleep about 10-12 minutes at a time.

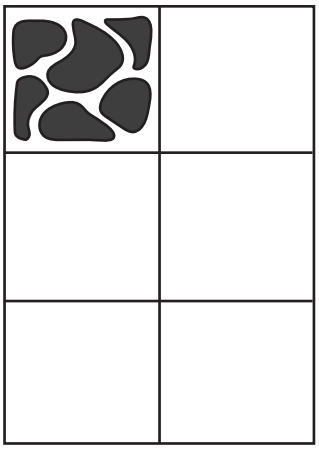
Do you know any more interesting facts about giraffes?

Animal Patterns

A giraffe's markings have a distinctive pattern. No two giraffes are the same.

The first grid shows one particular giraffe pattern.

Many other animals also have distinctive markings such as zebras, tigers and leopards.



Fold a piece of art paper to make a grid. Copy the giraffe markings in one grid and add five other distinctive animal patterns.

Drawing

Giraffes share the grasslands with many different animals. List some species:

Find some pictures of African animals and plants. Draw a picture of a giraffe feeding on the leaves high up in an acacia tree. Include some other African animals in your picture.

Adjectives

Adjectives are words that add information about a noun or pronoun.

Select suitable adjectives from the list below to complete the sentences.

good	spotted	unusual
thorny	bluish-purple	long

The giraffe is an _____ animal. It has a very _____ neck and a _____ tongue.

Giraffes like to eat the leaves from the _____ acacia tree. They each have a _____ coat which has a unique pattern.

Giraffes also have a great _____ vision and can see long distances.

Number Crunchers

A giraffe's heart beats up to 170 times a minute.

How many times will its heart beat in:
2 minutes?
10 minutes?

The normal heart beat range for an 8-10 year old child at rest is about 70-110 times a minute.

Measure your own heart rate, counting the number of beats you can feel in your pulse in one minute.

Perform some vigorous activity for 3 minutes and then remeasure your heart rate.

Did your heart rate increase or decrease?

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