

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?

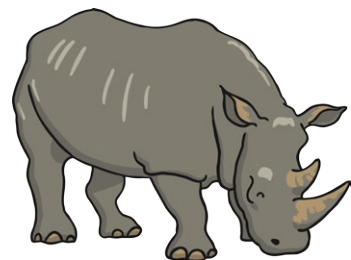
Tigers that live in the wild live in Asia. Some live in the cold parts of the north, others live in the south where it is hotter. Tigers live in different types of forests. They like to live and hunt on their own and mark their territory by scratching marks on trees with their powerful claws.

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

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Accept any two of the following: pigs, rhino, deer, cows, horses.

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Pupils' own responses, such as: They live in captivity to protect them; They live in captivity to stop people hurting them; They live in captivity to keep them safe from hunters; They live in captivity because their habitats are being destroyed.