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I am a
big cat!



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What are you?

I am a big cat!

I am a type of animal called a mammal. I have fur and warm blood. I am a carnivore, which means I eat other animals.

Long tail



Siberian tiger

Q. What is a lion's favourite meal?

A. Baked beings on toast!

Lions, tigers, leopards and cheetahs are all big cats.



..... Thick,
soft fur

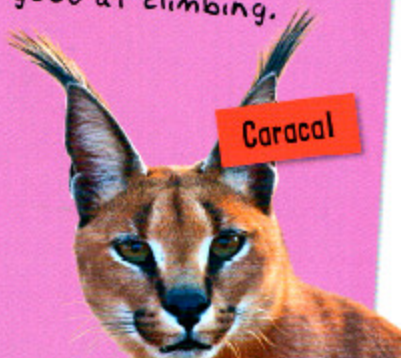
..... Whiskers

..... Paws with
sharp claws

Small cats

Some wild cats are much smaller than big cats. Their size means they are fast and good at climbing.

Caracal



Ocelot



Lynx



How do you hunt?

Chasing

I chase other animals!

I use my big jaws and sharp claws to grab them. All big cats have strong senses. We can see, hear and smell other animals from far away.



Q. What did the lion say to the gazelle?
A. Pleased to eat you!



Pouncing

Giant leap

Pumas have very strong back legs and can leap a long way. They sometimes pounce on their prey from above.



LEARN A WORD:

nocturnal

An animal that is awake at night and less active during the day.



Creeping

Night hunter

Most big cats are nocturnal. Lions, tigers and leopards hunt at night. In the dark, they can creep up on other animals.

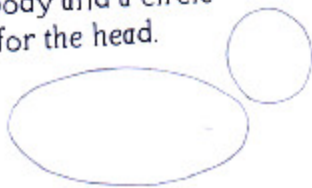
Activity time

Get ready to
make and do!

Draw me!

YOU WILL NEED: pencils • paper

1. Draw a wide oval for the body and a circle for the head.



2. Add two lines for the neck. Draw the legs and tail.



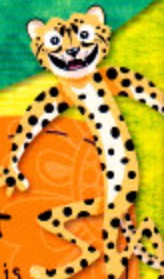
3. Draw two rounded ears. Add the nose, mouth and eyes.



Now
colour me
in and give
me a name!

Quiet as a cat

One person is Big Cat and faces a wall. The players must creep towards Big Cat. When Big Cat hears someone move he roars, and the players start again. To win, a player must reach Big Cat without being heard.



Big cat card

YOU WILL NEED:
A4 card · scissors · glitter
coloured pens and pencils

HERE'S HOW:

1. Fold the card in half and draw the outline of a tiger on one side. Make sure that both the head and tail reach the fold.
2. Cut out the tiger, leaving the folds at the head and tail.

3. Decorate your card.



Lion cupcakes

YOU WILL NEED:
cupcakes · popcorn · knife
orange or yellow icing
black icing in a piping bag

HERE'S HOW:

1. Cover the top of each cake with orange or yellow icing and smooth it with the side of the knife.

2. Put popcorn around the edge of the cake to make a mane.
3. Use the black icing to draw the eyes, the nose, the mouth and the whiskers.



Where do you live?

A Sumatran tiger is shown swimming in a river. The tiger's head and front paws are visible above the water, while its body and back are submerged. The water is dark and reflects the surrounding greenery. The tiger has orange fur with black stripes and white underparts. The background shows tall green grasses and reeds.

Sumatran tiger

I live
in the
hot jungle.

When it gets too hot I take
a cooling dip in the river.
There is lots of shade from
the trees where I can rest.

Cold and snow

Snow leopards have thick fur to keep them warm in their mountain home. They hunt sheep and hares.



Q. What is striped and bouncy?

A. A tiger on a trampoline!

Tree cat

Leopards are good at climbing trees. They often hide their food in the branches. These big cats live in grasslands, forests, mountains and deserts.

African leopard

What are your babies called?

My babies are called cubs!

1

Cubs are born blind and helpless. Their mother feeds them with milk.

Newborn

2

Cubs rely on their mother for food and safety. She can move them quickly if they are in danger, by carrying them in her mouth.

3 months old

Family life

Lions live in family groups called prides. Every lion in the pride helps to look after the cubs.



One year old



3

Cubs love to play-fight. It helps them learn to hunt, and makes them stronger as they grow up.



Q. What happened to the leopard who spent too long in the bath?

A. He was spotless!

What do you look like?



Leopard



Black panther

I am spotty.

All leopards have spots. Leopards or jaguars that have dark fur are known as black panthers. Their spots can still be seen.



Tiger



Q. What did the tiger say when he looked in the mirror?

A. Purr-fect!

Hard to spot

Tigers have stripy coats. This helps them to hide in long, dry grass and in the shadowy jungle.

Clouded wonder

This cat has cloud-shaped markings on its fur. Clouded leopards are shy cats, and very rare.



Puzzle time

Can you solve
all the puzzles?

Jumble in the jungle

Can you unscramble
these big cat names?

1. PARLEOD
2. ILON
3. GIRET
4. HEETCHA



Clever cat



1. What is a lion family called – a pride or a pack?
2. Do leopards have spots or stripes?
3. Which cat runs fastest – the puma or the cheetah?

Whose cub?

Which cheetah parent has left
Charlie the cub behind? Trace
the path back to find out.



Chelsea

Chester

Christina



Charlie

Spot count

Count each leopard's spots. Who has the most, and who has the least?



Laurence



Lisa



Leah



Odd one out

Can you find the odd one out in each box?

fang
tooth
tusk
jaws

a

stripe
fur
whisker
feather

b

fly run
climb jump

c

Find the answers on page 2.

How fast can you run?

Cheetah



I am super speedy!

I can sprint faster than any other animal in the world, but only for short distances. My speed helps me when I am hunting.



- Q. Which cat always wins at card games?
- A. The cheetah!



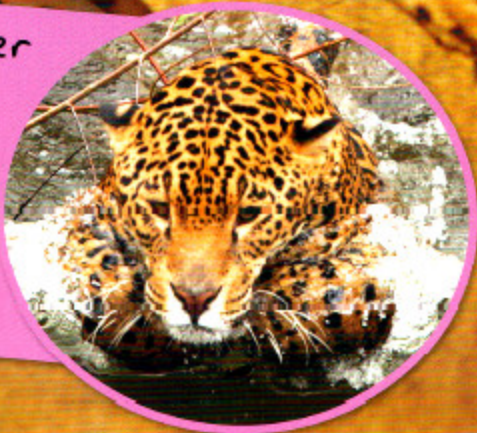
LEARN A WORD:

swamp


A place with wet,
boggy ground.

Super swimmer

Jaguars live near swamps and rivers. They are strong swimmers. They hunt animals such as turtles and alligators in water.



Why do you roar?



I roar
to scare
other
animals.

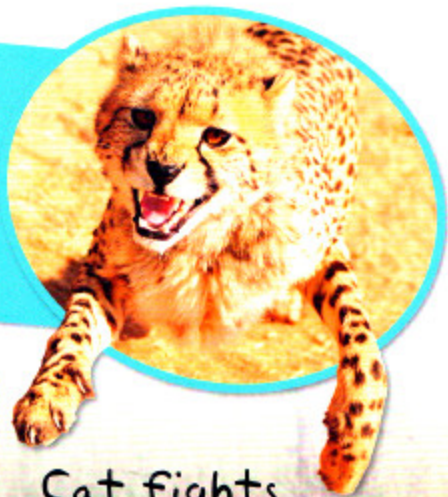
My roar is so
loud that
other animals can
hear me from far
away. It warns
them to keep out
of my space.

Q. What happened
when the lion
ate the clown?
A. He felt funny!



Jaws and claws

Cheetahs have big jaws, long fangs and sharp claws! Their claws help them to grip the ground as they run.



LEARN A WORD:

fang

A long, pointed tooth is called a fang.



Cat fights

Big cats fight over food, mates and space. They do not like to share!



The Lion that Couldn't Roar

Use your stickers to illustrate the story.

The day that Stanley was born was a proud day for his family. He was a strong cub, with sharp claws and big teeth.



His mother and father said that he would be the leader of a pride, stronger than all other lions.

"Meow!" answered Stanley.

His mother and father looked at each other in horror. "Stanley can't roar!" they cried.



The next day, Stanley went to see Wise Buffalo in the forest. "Will I ever be able to roar?" he asked.

The Wise Buffalo looked thoughtful. At last he said, "You will never roar, unless you have faith in yourself."

"I have never heard of faith-in-yourself," said Stanley. "But I shall find it." He returned to the grassland and asked everyone where to look.

"Search underground," suggested Aardvark, poking his head out from his cool, dark burrow.

"Look in a book," said Baboon, who read lots.

"It will be somewhere far away," said Giraffe, who gazed over the treetops.

So Stanley dug a hole in the dirt. He read Baboon's books and he climbed to the top of a tree and looked far away. Still, he could not roar.



That night, Stanley was so tired from looking

for faith-in-yourself that he didn't notice he was sleeping with his head on a termite mound. As he

slept, the furious termites emerged from their nest. The termite queen told all the bugs to climb over Stanley. Then she



counted, "Three – two – one, go!", and all the termites bit Stanley as hard as they could with their little jaws.

"ROOOAAAAAAR!" Stanley let out the loudest roar that had ever been heard on the grassland. It even woke up Wise Buffalo.

"Sounds like Stanley had faith in himself after all!" he said.



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