



TIGERS



KEY INFORMATION

Tigers are thought to originate from Northern western China, however they can be found anywhere in the wild from Russia, North Korea, China, India and Asia. Tigers can live in a range of habitats, from rain forests, grasslands, savannas and even swamps.

Tigers are the largest, heaviest and most powerful cats. They can weigh up to 660 pounds and can grow up to 3 feet in height. In the wild, tigers are known to live to the age of 11, however in captivity they can live between 14 – 16 years.

APPEARANCE

Tigers have black and orange striped fur along their face, sides, legs, and stomach. Their stripes help them to camouflage to their surroundings. They have long, white whiskers, that send important messages to the tiger's brain and helps it find its way around small, dark spaces.

Tigers have sharp teeth that allow them to rip, cut and chew their meat before eating. They have soft toe pads which help them walk silently through their habitat.

Tigers have a powerful muscular body which allows them to run fast. They have very powerful limbs which help them in fighting other predators.

DIET

Tigers are carnivores, are at the top of the food chain and have no predators. Their diet involves eating deer, rhinos, pigs, antelope, buffalo and even elephant calves. A tiger's main prey is deer. A large deer can provide a tiger with one week's food. For tigers only one in ten hunts are successful.

Tigers rely on their sense of sight and hearing when hunting prey. They stalk and ambush their prey; they slowly creep towards their prey until they are close enough to pounce. Tigers hunt alone rather than in groups, so they do not have to share their prey, otherwise it causes fighting.

FUN FACTS

Tigers are very vocal, they will grunt, growl, roar, moan, snarl, chuff, hiss and gasp. Each vocalisation is used to communicate different things. A tiger's roar can be heard as far as 3 km away. At full speed, a tiger can reach up to 65 km per hour.

Unlike other cats, tigers are great swimmers and actually like the water. Every single tiger has their own pattern on their fur, they are all unique!



Baby tigers are called cubs, they are born blind and only open their eyes 1-2 weeks after being born. Cubs start learning to hunt at 6 months old, and only stay with their mums until there are 18 months old.

Find Out More...

<https://www.worldwildlife.org/stories/where-do-tigers-live-and-other-tiger-facts>

https://www.wwf.org.uk/learn/fascinating-facts/tigers?utm_source=Grants&utm_medium=PaidSearch-Generic&pc=AUZ014007&gclid=Ci0KCQjwgYSTBhDKARIsAB8Kukvn5tWU2QD9GMcGMDxhnTgnNAAxmE2iqgEOEgryqGEcZ9mmAwUv9FoaAivbEALw_wcB

<https://www.earthrangers.com/top-10/top-ten-tiger-facts/>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/general-animals/10-tiger-facts/>

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. How much can a tiger weigh up to?
2. Why do tigers have stripes?
3. True or false. Are tigers' carnivores?
4. What are baby tigers called?
5. True or false? Tiger's stripes are all the same.