



ZEBRAS

KEY INFORMATION

Zebras live in areas of southern and eastern Africa, where they live in their preferred habitat of treeless grasslands and savannah woodlands. Zebras do not live in deserts, wetlands or rainforests, which make them vulnerable to climate change.



Zebras are very speedy animals and can reach speeds up to 65 km per hour. This is just fast enough to outpace predators such as lions. In the wild, zebras live up to 25 years, however in captivity they can live almost up to 40 years. Zebras can grow to 2.7 metres in length and typically weigh about 700 pounds.

APPEARANCE

Zebras have thick bodies with black and white striped fur. A zebra's stripy coat is thought to disperse more than 70% of heat, preventing them from overheating in the sun. Their stripes also help them to camouflage the animal in the long grass and distract predators.

Their feet are capped with singular, hard hooves, which are used to kick at their predators. They have large, rounded ears with lots of hair to keep dust out of them.

DIET

Zebras are herbivores and spend most their time eating grass, but they also eat leaves, bark, shrubs and more.

As they are herbivores, they are not predators, however they are prey to other natural predators, such as lions, hyenas, wild dogs and cheetahs.

FUN FACTS

Zebras sleep standing up and only when they are in the safety of a group. A group of zebras are called a dazzle; however, they can also be referred to as a herd.

A female zebra is pregnant for 12 to 13 months and gives birth to baby zebras called foals. After 15 minutes of being born, zebras are able to stand up on their own, and are able to walk within 1 hour.



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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. Where do zebras not live?
2. What speed can zebras reach?
3. Why do zebras have a stripey coat?
4. What do zebras eat?
5. What are the 2 names for a group of zebras?