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Theme Based Study Sheet

### Giraffe facts

Giraffes are the world's tallest mammals.

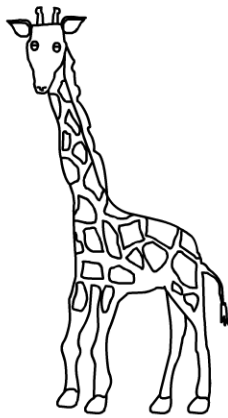
Giraffes can run 56 kph for short distances.

They have very long blue tongues (over 50 cm) that help them eat one of their most liked 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?



### Adjectives

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

Select a suitable adjective to complete the sentences.

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 very \_\_\_\_\_ vision and can see long distances.

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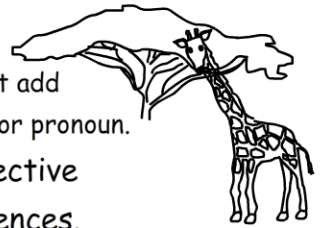
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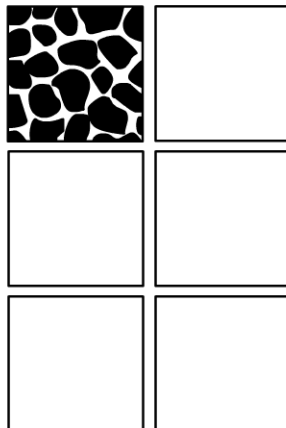
### Animal patterns

Giraffes have a distinctive spotted pattern and no two patterns are the same.

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

The grid shows one particular giraffe pattern.

Redraw the grid on a sheet of paper and add another five distinctive animal patterns.



### 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 or have a friend count the number of beats in one minute. Was it between 70 and 110 times/minute?

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

Did your heart rate increase or decrease?

### Drawing

Giraffes share the grasslands with many different animals. List some of these.

Draw a picture of a giraffe feeding high up on an acacia tree. Include some other African animals in the background.



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