

GIRAFFE

Set 2



Scientific Name: *Giraffa camelopardalis*
Common Name: Giraffe

Giraffes eat leaves, shoots and buds. Their blue tongue can reach up to 45 cm and helps them pull leaves from thorny trees. The blue colour acts like sunscreen, protecting them from sunburn.

Adult giraffes have few predators. Their powerful kick is strong enough to kill a lion. Young giraffes, however, may be hunted by lions, hyenas or leopards.

Giraffes often travel in loose groups. To drink, they must spread their legs and bend down. Special valves in their neck control blood flow so they don't get dizzy when lowering their head.

Giraffes are amazing animals that make the African plains a special place.

Giraffes are the tallest land animals on Earth and are easily recognised by their long necks and spotted coats. They have several unique adaptations that help them survive in the African wilderness.

Giraffes' long necks have seven elongated vertebrae, just like humans. They also have very large eyes that allow them to see large objects from far away, and their hooves can be as wide as a human head.

Giraffes live in African grasslands, savannahs and open woodlands where there are plenty of trees to feed on.



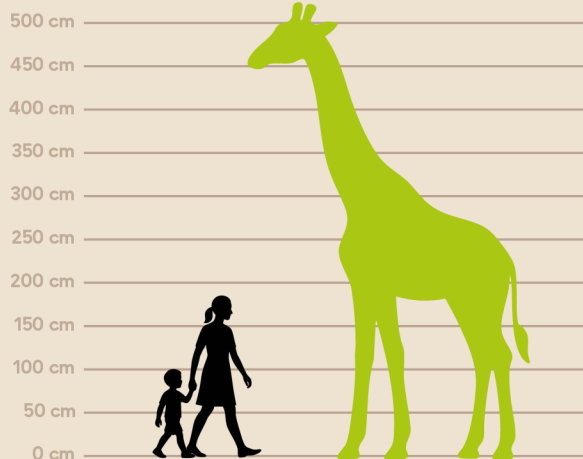
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HOW BIG ARE THEY?



DID YOU KNOW?

- Giraffes spend most of the day grazing.
- A giraffe's eyesight helps them to spot danger from far away.
- Giraffes have double the blood pressure of most large mammals.



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