

RESEARCH WEBQUEST

Savanna Animals

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Lions

Lifecycle

Watch the video to learn about a lion's life from birth to the book, *A Lion Grows Up* by [author].

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Rhinos

Save Rhinos

Watch the video to see how One More Generation works with schools to educate students about the environment and endangered species.

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Zebras

Directions: Click the picture below to read more about horses, zebras, and donkeys.

How are zebras, horses, and donkeys similar?

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Elephants

Directions: Explore this link to learn more about elephants. Label each part of the elephant's body.

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Writing Printables

Integrates Reading

The Big Cats

Directions: Explore this link if you want to learn even more about the types of big cats.



Lions are part of the genus Panthera, which includes all of the big cats. These cats are different from other wild cats because they can roar! Lions are unique because the males have big manes. Watch the video to learn more about all these cats and to learn another way lions are different from the rest.



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How are lions different from other big cats?

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Engaging & Educational Media

Lion Roar

Directions: Watch the videos to learn why lions roar. Then, answer the questions.



How do the baby lions sound different than the adult lions?



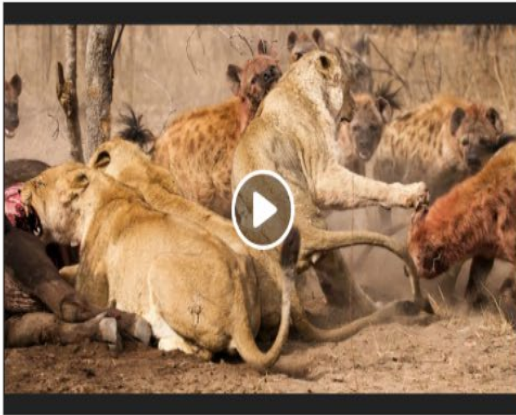
Why do lions roar?



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Research & Report Skills

Lions vs Hyenas



Lions are the king of the jungle, but they aren't the only top predator in their habitat. They regularly clash with spotted hyenas when they live in the same area. Hyenas are highly intelligent and work cooperatively. They can pose a serious threat to lions. They often fight over prey and control of land.

Describe how the hyenas are able to scare away the lions in the video.

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Interactive Slides

Hunting

Directions: Watch the video to learn how lions hunt their prey. Then, drag and drop the lions to show how they could surround and take down the buffalo.



What is unique about the way lions hunt?



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Critical Thinking

Should Zoos Exist?

You've probably seen lions and lots of other animals in the zoo. Watch the video to learn some reasons people think zoos should stick around and some other reasons they may not be best for our animals. What do you think? Write in your journal about whether or not you think lions should be kept in zoos.



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Lions be
zoos because...

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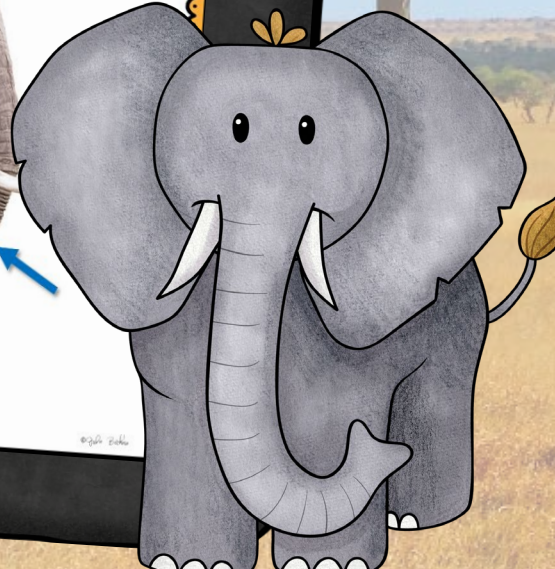
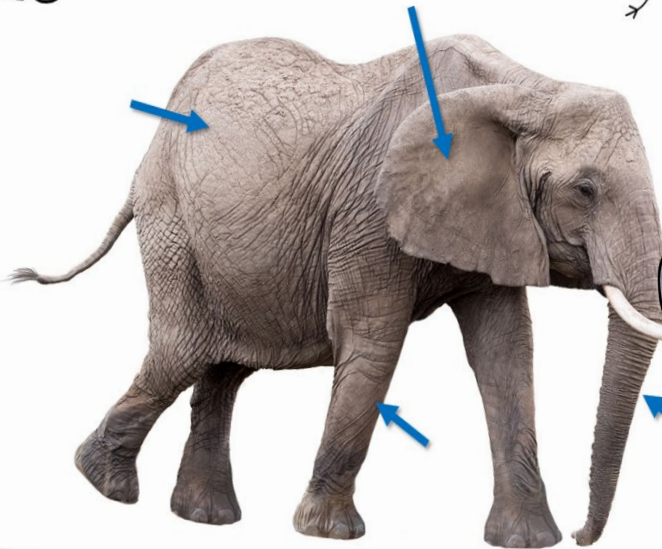
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African Elephants

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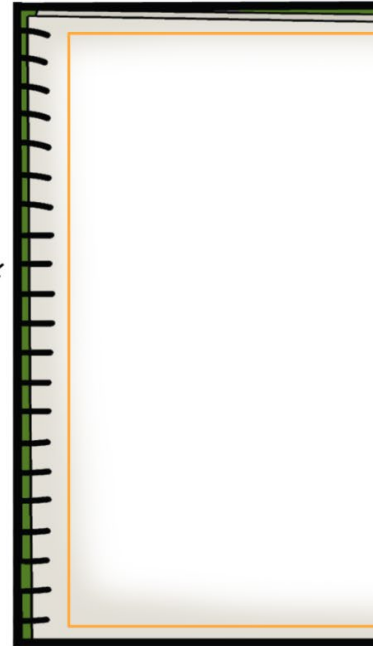
Click here to take a quiz about how each body part is important to the African Elephant. Enter your score.



Integrates Reading

Elephants Never Forget

The elephant's memory goes beyond just rote memorization. They have highly developed brains and are capable of problem solving and empathy. Watch the video to learn about their amazing brains. Then, write in your journal what you think is the most interesting thing elephants can do because of their amazing brains.



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Where in the World?

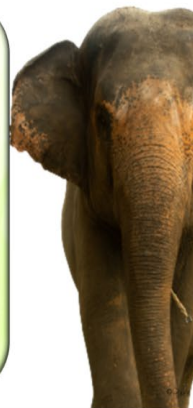
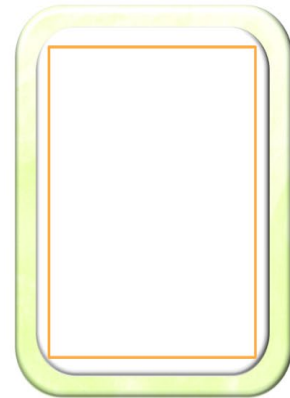
Asian elephants live in tropical forests and grasslands of Southeast Asia. They prefer to live on the forest edge in areas with low, woody plants and grass.

Habitat of
Asian
Elephants

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Directions: Click on the Asian elephant to watch a video. Observe the habitat of the elephants. Then, record your observations about what their habitat looks like.



Critical Thinking

Elephant Lifecycle

Directions: Listen to the book, *An Elephant Grows Up*, by Anastasia Suen to learn about an elephant's life from birth to adulthood.



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What are 3 facts you learned about elephant families?

1.

2.

3.

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Bonus Report Writing Printables

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Step 2: Rough Draft

Now that you have chosen your topic and 3 subtopics, you will draft your report. Your report will have 5 paragraphs: an introduction, a paragraph about each of your subtopics, and a conclusion. Practice writing introductions and conclusions below.

Introduction

An introduction should "hook" the reader with something interesting.

1. Ask a question

Example: I may look like a cuddly kitty, but I am a fierce, feline predator living all over North America. Who am I?

2. Description using sensory details

Example: Imagine you're on a hike, and you see a squirrel dart across the trail. Out of nowhere, a bobcat leaps 12 feet into the air, lands on the squirrel, and just as fast as he appeared, he disappears into the woods.

Conclusion

A conclusion will tie everything up and summarize the author's main points.

1. Appeal to the emotions

Example: Bobcats were hunted to near extinction in the 1900s. Thankfully, their population has grown because it is illegal to hunt them.

2. A call to action

Example: An alarming number of bobcats are being struck by cars and injured or killed. You can help save bobcats by keeping your eyes on the road!

Practice writing an introduction and conclusion for your report.

Introduction: _____

Conclusion: _____