African Animals

Much of the continent of Africa is a savanna. A savanna is an open grassland with few trees. Africa's savanna is home to many different types of animals.

The savanna is a **habitat**. A habitat is a place where an animal lives. Here are some animals that live in the African savanna.



Lions are big cats.

Lion

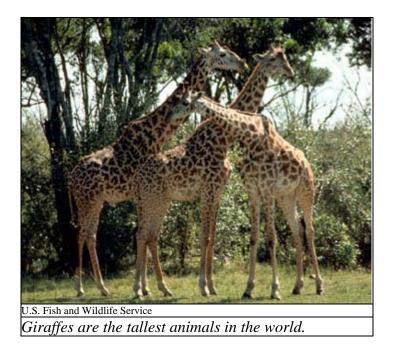
Lions are big cats with gold-colored fur. Lions are carnivores (KARneh-vawrz). Carnivores are meat eaters. Lions live together in a group called a **pride**.

Elephant

Elephants are animals with trunks and tusks. Elephants are herbivores (ER-beh-vawrz). Herbivores are plant eaters. Elephants live together in a group called a **herd**.

Giraffe

Giraffes are the tallest animals in the world. They are plant eaters. Their height helps them reach leaves on tall trees. Giraffes live in a herd of about 10 animals.



Warthog

Warthogs are a type of wild hog. Warthogs are **omnivores** (AHM-neh-vawrz). Omnivores eat both plants and meat. Female and baby warthogs live in a small group called a **sounder**. Males live alone.

Hippopotamus

Hippopotamuses are animals that live partly on land and partly in water. They are herbivores that eat mainly grasses. Hippos live in a herd of up to 15 members.

ReadWorks	Questions: African Animal
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Directions: Answer the following fn the passage.	our questions based on the information
1. Describe the African savanna.	
2. How are elephants and giraffe	s similar?
3. According to the article, what characteristic of a warthog.	is a warthog? Describe one key
4. What is this passage mostly a	bout?

ReadWorks

What? giraffes

Directions: Please read the sentence below and then write the word or phrase that best answers the questions. The first answer has been provided for you.

At mealtimes, giraffes eat leaves from tall trees because they have long necks and can reach high places.

5.	(do) What?
6.	When?
7.	Why?

8. The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

Many animals live in groups or herds for protection, _____ they can still be attacked by lions and other meat-eating animals.

A but

B because

C so

Directions: Read the vocabulary word and definition below. Then answer questions 9 and 10.

Vocabulary Word: habitat (hab · i · tat): an animal's home in nature.

- 9. Read the sentences below and underline all forms of the word habitat.
- a. The girl found the rabbit's hole, which is his habitat in the forest.
- b. By taking care of the environment, animals' habitats can be saved.
- c. Some habitats such as the rainforest are protected so that people cannot do further damage.
- d. At the zoo, students learned that the natural habitat of the lion is the African savanna.
- e. Students learned that alligators like to live in a warm and wet habitat.
- 10. Which image does NOT show an animal in its habitat?



