

Tigers

Tiger facts

The tiger is the largest wild cat in the world. Tigers hunt at night and can see well in the dark. Tigers are good swimmers and unlike most other cats, seem to enjoy water. Tigers are endangered. They have been hunted for their fur. Their habitat is also getting smaller as land is used for farming and logging. Every tiger has a different pattern of stripes. Tigers have striped skin not just striped fur. A tiger's roar can be heard 3 km away. Tigers live alone, except for mothers and their young. Tigers keep their claws sharp by having retractable claws just like domestic cats. Do you know any more interesting facts about tigers?



Extension research

What is the name of the tiger in the Winnie the Pooh series?

What is a liger?

Animals with stripes

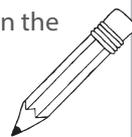
Make a list of animals that have stripes. How many can you think of?

What is your favourite striped animal?

Make a series of colour drawings of different striped animals.

Camouflage

A tiger's unique orange, black and white stripe pattern helps to break up the outline of its body and make it hard to see in long grass or in the forest.



Draw a picture of a tiger hunting its prey.

Number Crunchers

Scientists counted the stripes on 6 tigers in a nature reserve in India.

tiger 1 - 59

tiger 4 - 56

tiger 3 - 63

tiger 2 - 57

tiger 5 - 65

tiger 6 - 75

1 Put them in order from the tiger with the most stripes to the tiger with the least stripes.

2 How many more stripes does tiger 1 have than tiger 4?

