



Tigers

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What do tigers look like?

Tigers are one of the most distinctive predators in the jungle. Did you know that tigers have black, orange and white striped fur, which helps them to camouflage into their habitat? Razor sharp teeth can be found within their huge mouths and they use these for killing their prey. Interestingly, they can grow up to 10ft long, which makes them one of the biggest animals in the jungle. Generally, tigers weigh around 150kg yet their weight can increase up to 300kg if they belong to the Siberian tiger family.

What do tigers eat?

Tigers are one of the deadliest hunters in the jungle. As tigers are carnivores, they mainly eat other mammals such as deer, wild pigs, water buffalo or antelope. In addition to this, they are also known to hunt sloth bears, dogs, leopards, crocodiles and pythons, as well as monkeys and hares. It is essential that they eat larger animals like these because they need to maintain their energy. Surprisingly, old and injured tigers have been known to attack humans and domestic cattle (cows) as these are more vulnerable and easier to attack.

How do tigers behave?

Tigers are one of the most vicious and fiercest animals in the jungle. Did you know that tigers mostly hunt at night (nocturnal) so that they can pounce on their prey without being seen? When tigers are attacking their victim, they use the tremendous strength of their body weight to knock over their prey and can kill animals with one bite to the neck. Fascinatingly, scientists have discovered that they are very good swimmers and use their powerful, enormous paws to support them in the water. They have even been known to kill crocodiles and other animals that live in the water!

Although the tiger is a solitary animal, when a number of these cats are located in the same area, the correct name for the group is a 'streak' or an 'ambush' of tigers.

If you ever find a tiger, be cautious and do not make any sudden movements! However, it is unlikely that you will as, due to poaching and habitat loss, tiger populations are decreasing, with population estimates as low as 3,200. Let's hope that these majestic beasts are protected in the future to prevent them from dying out and disappearing completely.





brief introduction with general info

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