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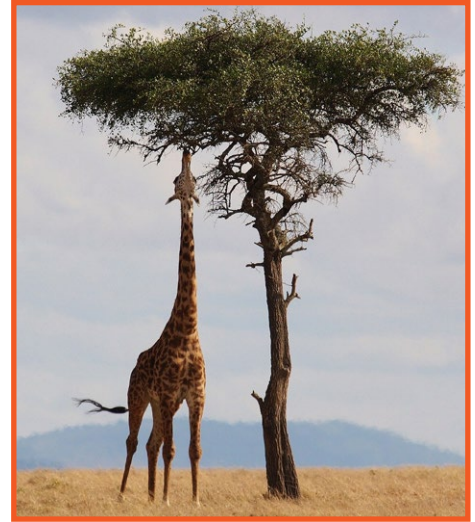
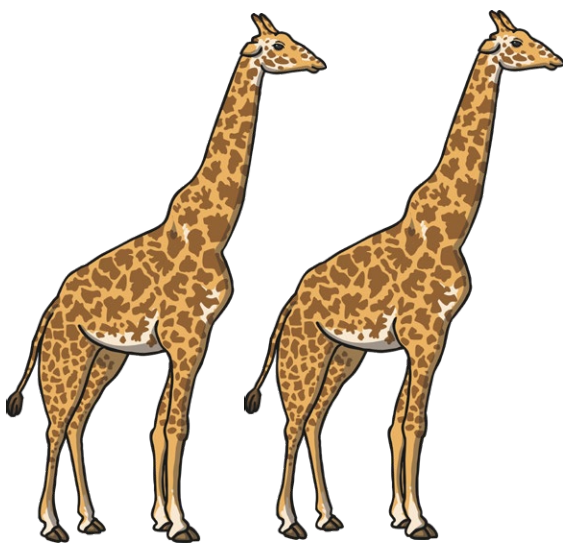
Giraffes live in Africa. They live in savannahs, grasslands and open forests.

Diet

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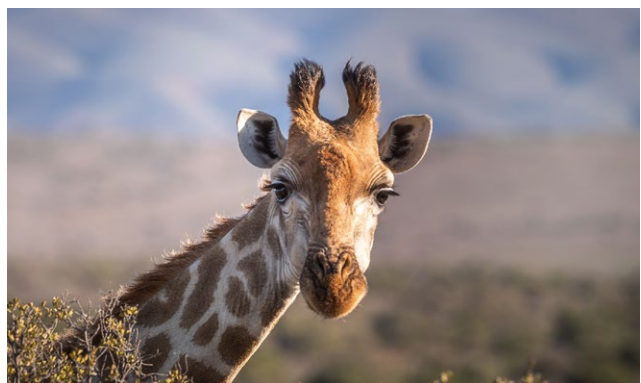
Predators

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Fun Facts

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- Giraffes are usually silent but they can grunt, snort and even hiss.



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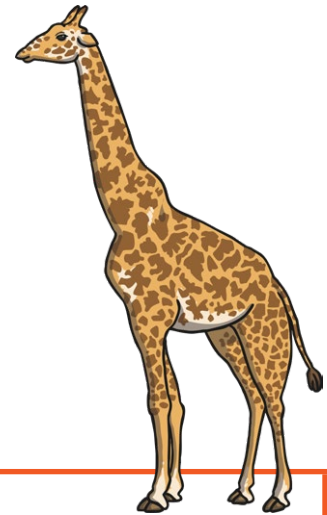
Giraffes live in areas of Africa (a hot, dry place). They can be found on the grassy plains and in the open woodlands of the African savannah.

Diet

Giraffes are herbivores, which means they only eat plants. They have a very long tongue, which helps them to reach leaves and twigs high up in trees and shrubs. They spend almost all day eating and can eat as much as 45 kilogrammes of food in a day. Giraffes do not drink very much water as they get most of what they need from the leaves they eat.

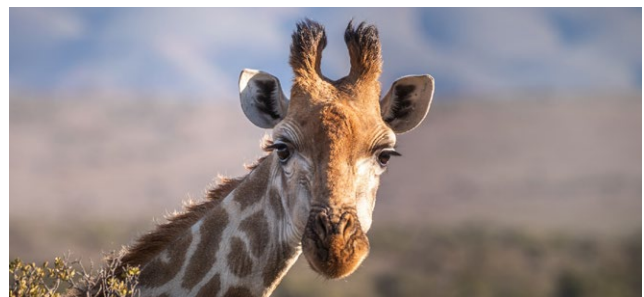
Predators

Their height and good eyesight help them to look out for danger. Giraffes can be attacked by lions. Giraffes will kick with their strong legs to try to protect themselves.



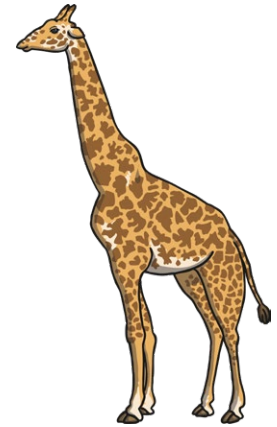
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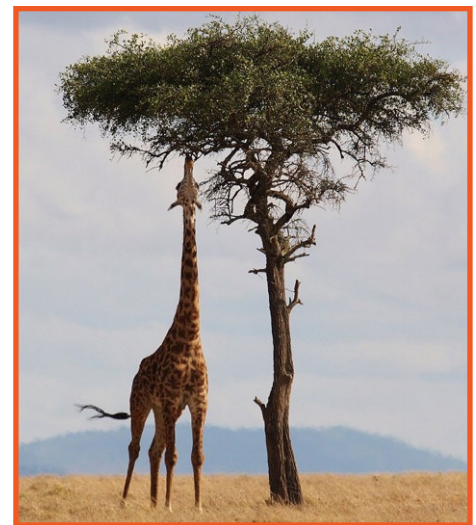
Giraffes live on the grassy plains and in the open woodland of the African savannah and cope well with the hot, dry weather. However, loss of habitat is a threat facing giraffes in the wild.

Diet

Giraffes are herbivores, which means they only eat vegetation. They have a very long tongue which they use to pull leaves and twigs from trees and shrubs and guide them into their mouths. Their favourite food is the leaves of the thorny acacia tree. They spend almost all day eating and can consume as much as 45 kilogrammes of food in a day. Giraffes only need to drink once every few days as they get most of the water they need from the leaves they eat.

Predators

Giraffes can be attacked by lions, but their height and good eyesight help them to look out for danger. Other animals, such as hyenas, may attack younger giraffes. When attacked, giraffes will protect themselves. Adult giraffes have strong legs and their powerful kicks can injure predators.



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- Female giraffes give birth standing up and a newborn calf will drop about 1.5 metres to the ground when it is born.
- Wild giraffes often only sleep for about 30 minutes each day.

