

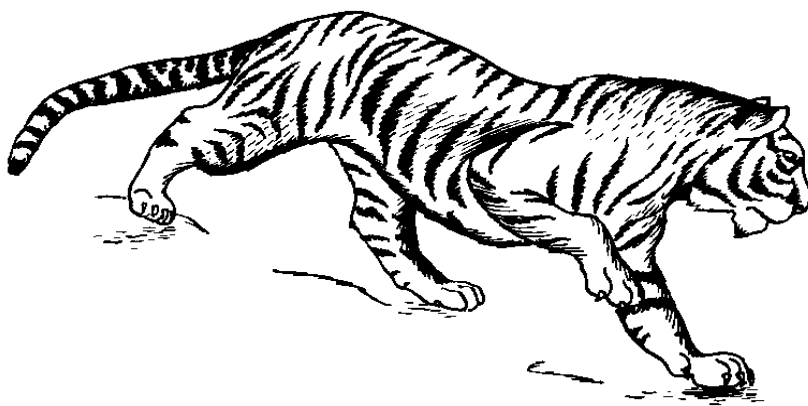
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## TIGERS

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Tigers belong to the family of cats. They are the largest species among the cat family. The Bengal tiger and the Siberian tiger are considered the largest among all the tigers.

These carnivores' animals have a large, well-built body covered with soft fur. Tiger's fur features reddish-orange large vertical stripes that help the animal to hide among tall grasses and thick vegetation during hunting. A female tiger is known as tigress.

These meat eating animals hunt for large to medium size prey. Tigers mainly depend on sound and sight during hunting. But these magnificent animals face the threat of poaching. They are largely hunted for their skin, claws and bones. The various parts of the animal are used to make several medicines including traditional Chinese medicine. Today tigers are in the list of endangered species due to excessive poaching. These wild cats are now placed among the list of endangered species. The major reason for their dwindling population is poaching, deforestation, habitat fragmentation and habitat destruction. Several wildlife conservation societies around the world have come forward to conserve these wonderful animals.

The tiger is regarded as the national animal of several countries that include India, Bangladesh, Vietnam, South Korea and Malaysia. In these countries several mythological and modern stories are spun around this charismatic animal. This powerful animal is used as an emblem on flags and coats of certain sporting teams to represent pride and power.



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Answer the following questions

1. Name the species to which a tiger belongs to?

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2. Which is the largest species among the cat family?

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3. Name the two largest tiger among the cat family.

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4. What helps the tiger to hide in thick vegetation during hunting?

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5. Why tigers are largely hunted for?

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6. Name two countries with tiger as its national animal.

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7. What does the word ponder means?

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- a. think carefully
- b. determination
- c. exercise
- d. lazy



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8. The children \_\_\_\_\_ their team mates to win the match.

Choose the best word for the sentence

- a. fostered
- b. appealed
- c. screamed
- d. delayed

9. The tiger was dogged to hunt down the deer.

What does the word dogged in the above sentence means? \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Stubborn
- b. Weak
- c. Lazy
- d. Large

10. The red team was \_\_\_\_\_ to win the semi-final match against the blue team

Fill in the blank with the word that best suits the above sentence

- a. Sorry
- b. Elated
- c. Angry
- d. Depressed