

Activity 1 - Fact or Fiction

Can you tell them apart? Label each with fact or fiction!

(Ask someone to read these to you if you would normally do a one chilli)

Sentence	Fact or Fiction?
Jungles are known for their thick forests and their large amounts of plants and vines.	
One sunny day the monkey was swinging in the tree.	
Jungles are typically found near the equator.	
She lives in the trees? You should have said! Your mummy's hiding above your head.	
The weather in jungles is very hot and humid.	
There are many different kinds of animals that live in jungles that have become excellent hunters and gatherers in this extreme environment.	
The cheetah chased the slow snail through the jungle floor but tripped on a slimy log.	
The slippery snake coiled around the palm tree waiting for his friend to come back.	

Now think of your own jungle sentences:

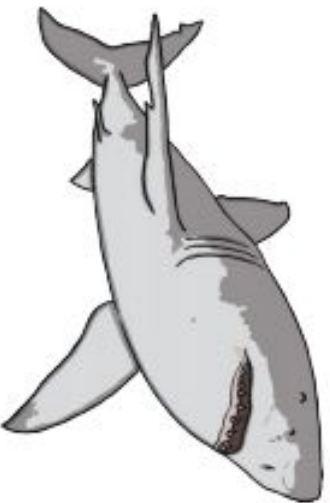
Fact:

Fiction:

Activity 2 - Read and understand a fact file

The Great White Shark

- 11 Great white sharks are the top of the ocean's food chain.
- 22 They are the biggest fish on our planet which eat other
- 32 fish and animals. They are known to live between thirty
- 45 and one hundred years old and can be found in all of the
- 55 world's oceans, but they are mostly found in cool water
- 59 close to the coast.
- 69 Even though they are mostly grey, they get their name
- 78 from their white underbelly. The great white shark has
- 89 been known to grow up to six metres long and have
- 99 up to three hundred sharp teeth, in seven rows. Their
- 109 amazing sense of smell allows them to hunt for prey,
- 119 such as seals, rays and small whales from miles away.



Quick Questions



1. Why do you think that the great white shark is at the top of the ocean's food chain?
- _____
- _____



2. Where are most great white sharks found?
- _____
- _____



3. Find and copy the adjective that the author uses to describe the shark's sense of smell.
- _____



4. Number these facts from 1 to 3 to show the order they appear in the text.

- They live between thirty and one hundred years.
- They can grow up to six metres long.
- They have up to three hundred teeth.

Leopards

Leopards are part of the cat family, which also includes lions, tigers and even pet cats. They have light-coloured fur with dark spots, often called rosettes because they look rose-shaped. Some leopards have dark fur and are called 'black leopards'. The spots can be difficult to see as their fur is so dark. Due to the colour of their fur, black leopards are often mistaken for panthers.

Habitat

Leopards can live in many different places. Some like to live high up in the mountains, whilst others prefer to live in jungles or deserts. They are mostly found in some African countries, as well as central Asia, India and China. Leopards tend to live alone, except when they are raising their babies.

Diet

Leopards are nocturnal, which means they hunt at night and sleep during the day. They like to sleep in trees or hide in caves where it is cooler. Leopards are carnivores, which means they eat meat. They will hunt for food (or prey) such as deer, fish, monkeys, birds or grubs. Leopards 'stalk' their prey by keeping very quiet and bending low so that they can't be seen. They will then pounce!



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Leopards

Fun Facts

- A leopard's body helps it to climb, swim and run. It has a long, thin body which is powerful and strong. This helps the leopard to run quickly.
- Leopards can run at around 58km per hour. That is faster than a car is allowed to drive in places with lots of houses!
- A leopard's tail is very long. It is the same length as the leopard's body. This helps them to balance along thin branches and enables them to make quick, sharp turns.
- Leopards are endangered animals.



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Leopards - Questions

1. What are black leopards often mistaken for?

2. Name two environments where leopards can be found.

3. What does 'nocturnal' mean?

4. Name three animals a leopard will hunt and eat.

5. What helps leopards to run quickly?

6. Why is a leopard's tail useful?

7. How fast can a leopard run?

8. What do you think the word 'stalk' means?

Leopards

Leopards come from the same family as cats and share many characteristics with domestic cats. They are mammals, which means they are warm blooded, have fur and give birth to live babies, not eggs. They are ferocious hunters that hunt for any prey they can find. Most leopards have light-coloured fur with dark spots on it called 'rosettes'. They have this name due to their shape, which look like roses. Some leopards are named 'black leopards' due to the colour of their fur. The spots can be difficult to see as their fur is so dark. Due to the colour of their fur, black leopards are often mistaken for panthers.



Habitat

Leopards can be found in many different countries around the world. They can be found in sub-Saharan Africa, central Asia, India and China. Leopards are very adaptable and can live in a variety of places. They can be found in mountains, woodlands, rainforests and even swamps. In fact, they live in more places than any other big cat. Leopards are solitary animals, which means they generally live alone.



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Leopards

Diet

Being nocturnal, leopards hunt at night. They spend the majority of the day resting in trees or hiding in caves. Leopards are carnivores and have a varied diet. They will hunt for fish, grubs, birds, monkeys, antelope and deer. When a leopard spots a potential meal, it bends low so it cannot be seen and keeps very quiet. They then stalk their prey and when they are close enough, they pounce!

Fun Facts

- A leopard's tail is about the same length as its entire body. This helps them to balance along thin branches and enables them to make quick, sharp turns.
- Their sleek shape is powerful and allows them to run at up to 58km per hour (which is faster than a car in residential areas!)
- These majestic animals are able to leap and jump long distances and they are fantastic swimmers and climbers.
- Leopards are endangered animals due to people hunting them for their fur.

Leopards - Questions

1. Give two features of a mammal.

2. What does the word 'ferocious' mean?

3. Why are some leopards' spots hard to see?

4. How would you know a leopard has spotted its prey?

5. Why is the word 'pounce' followed by an exclamation mark?

6. Why are leopards endangered?

7. The text says 'leopards are very adaptable'. Find evidence that proves this.

8. What are carnivores?

9. How does a leopard's tail help it to move?

10. Name three other 'big' cats.

Activity 3 - Plan a fact file



Activity 4 - Write a fact file

Animal Fact File

Description

Diet

Habitat

Interesting fact: _____

Activity 4 - Write a fact file

