



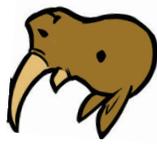
Zebra  
Zebras are black animals with white stripes. This helps them blend in with the scenery and be safe. Each zebra has its own pattern of stripes like human fingerprints. A group of zebras is called a dazzle or a zeal.



The African Elephant is the largest living land animal. The elephant uses its trunk in more ways than any animal uses any part of its body. It smells, drinks, and feeds itself with its trunk. An elephant does not drink through its trunk. It sucks up the water through the trunk then squirts it into its mouth. An elephant's trunk has 40,000 different muscles.



The Rhinoceros got its name from two Greek words: *rhinos*, meaning nose, and *keras*, meaning "horn. Its name means "horn on the nose." Their horn at the end of the rhino's long nose can be 1 to 3 1/2 feet long. It's made of solid, matted hair that keeps growing during the rhino's lifetime. If it breaks off, it will grow another one.



The giraffe is the tallest animal in the world, with males growing nearly 18 feet tall. Each giraffe has a unique pattern like human fingerprints, and the pattern acts as camouflage. Each spot is also thought to act as a window, releasing body heat to help it cool down. A group of giraffes is called a tower.



Lions live in groups called prides. They like to sleep, sometimes sleeping up to 20 hours a day. (That's a lot of lying for a lion!) The adult male is the only member of the cat family to have a mane. The name for a baby lion is a cub, whelp, or lionet. A lion can see five times better than we can.



# AFRICAN ANIMAL FUN FACTS

Some fun facts about animals you may see while on a safari trip in Africa.

## WHERE ON EARTH IS AFRICA?

Africa (after Asia) is the world's second largest and second-most populous continent.

There are 54 countries in Africa - and 9 territories.

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The Nile River, in Northern Africa, is the longest river in the world (6852 km/ 4258 miles) and passes through eleven countries.

Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania is the highest mountain in Africa.



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