

Savanna Safari

Animal Puppets / Masks



Lion

A lion is a big, wild cat. It has brown and tan fur. There are sharp claws on its feet. It can walk one claw up or push them out. Only male lions have a big, bushy mane.

Lions live in groups. There may be 15 lions in one group. The group is called a pride.

Lions need tall grass to hide in, so they can sneak up on their prey. They are most active when they hunt at night. Only the female lions hunt. They get enough food for the whole pride.

Lion

Body

- A. 4-6 feet long
- B. Tan to light brown color
- C. Weigh 250-500 pounds
- D. Can run up to 50 miles per hour

Life

- A. Live in groups called prides
- B. Live in grassy places
- C. Eat meat
- D. Hunt at night, sleep in day

Cubs

- A. All females take care of the cubs
- B. Use with mothers
- C. Hide for first 8
- D. 26 months

Thanks for taking the time to check out this savanna product. I hope you and your kids will enjoy the sample puppet included!

3 Reading Levels:
Grades K-1— Paragraph Format
Grades 2-3, 4-5: Outline Format

Olive Baboon



Cheetah



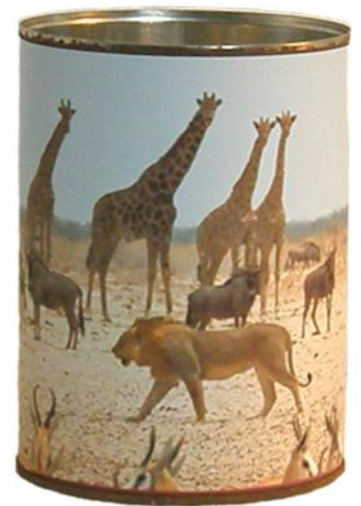
Elephant



Flamingo



Giraffe



Includes can cover for storage

Hippopotamus



Hyena



Kudu



Leopard



Lion



Lioness



Meerkat



Nile Crocodile



Ostrich



Vervet Monkey



White Rhinoceros



Wildebeest



Zebra



Set K-1



Set 2-3



Set 4-5



Lion

Lion Face: Photo by igern, via Pixabay.com.

A lion is a big, wild cat. It has brown and tan fur. There are sharp claws on its feet. It can pull the claws in or push them out. Only male (boy) lions have a big, bushy mane.

Lions live together. There may be 15 lions in a group. The group is called a pride.

Lions hide in tall grass so they can creep up on their prey. They are meat eaters, and hunt at night. Only female lions hunt. They feed every one in the pride.

Lion Panthera leo

Lion Face: Photo by igern, via Pixabay.com.

I. Body

- A. 4-6 feet long (1.2-2 m)
- B. Weighs 277-416 pounds (126-189 kg)
- C. Can run up to 50 miles per hour for a short way
- D. Has a flap of loose skin on the belly to protect it from kicks
- E. Rough tongue
- F. Large claws

II. Life

- A. Lives with other lions in groups called prides
- B. Lives in the African and Indian savannas
- C. Active at night (nocturnal)
- D. Marks its territory
- E. Main predator is man
- F. Prey
 - 1. Antelope
 - 2. Zebra
 - 3. Other animals

III. Hunting

- A. Females hunt in teams
- B. They hunt at night or early morning
- C. They hunt animals much bigger than they are by surrounding it and attacking it from all sides
- D. They supply food for all the cubs in the pride
- E. Males eat first, then the females eat any food left
- F. Young lions feed last; then the females eat any food left

Lion Panthera Leo

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I. Body

- A. 4-6 feet long (1.2-2 m)
- B. 277-416 pounds (126-189 kg)
- C. Runs up to 50 miles per hour
- D. Loose skin on belly protects them from kicks
- E. Rough tongue tears skin off of prey; pulls out loose hair during grooming
- F. Large claws retract into claws; put out to hold prey

II. Life

- A. Lives in groups called prides
- B. African and Indian tall grass savannas
- C. Nocturnal
- D. Mark territory with urine and scent glands
- E. Predator—man
- F. Prey
 - 1. Antelope
 - 2. Zebra
 - 3. Any thing they want to eat

III. Hunting

- A. Females hunt in teams
- B. Hunts at night or early morning
- C. Attacks animals much bigger than they are by surrounding it and attacking it from all sides
- D. Provides food for the whole pride
- E. Eats after males

IV. Caring for young

- A. All females care for all the cubs of the pride
- B. Hide cubs for first 8 weeks
- C. Teach cubs to hunt
- D. Cubs depend on mothers until they are 1.5 years old
- E. Male cubs leave pride to find a pride of their own
- F. Females stay with their birth prides for life

Animal Facts
to print on
back

Puppet/Mask for all grades



Hippopotamus

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The hippopotamus lives on a savanna, near rivers. It eats grass with a big, boxy mouth. It has little peg teeth to chew the grass.

These big animals live together with other hippos. The group is called a pod. They help each other. Lions and hyenas like to eat their baby calves, but hippos fight them. They can stomp them to death. Their strong jaws can bite a crocodile in two!

Preschool-Grade 1

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Hippopotamus

Hippopotamus amphibius

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I. Body

- A. Weighs 1440-7040 pounds (655-3200 kg)
- B. 52-58 inches tall (130-145 cm)
- C. Large, round body with smooth skin
- D. Skin is brown to gray-purple with pink under sides
- E. Tail shaped like a paddle
- F. Male tusks up to 20 inches long

II. Life

- A. Lives in savanna, near rivers and streams, in protected parks
- B. Plant eater (herbivore)
- C. Food—Grazes on grasses
- D. Active at night (nocturnal)
- E. Predators—Calves preyed on by lions, hyenas, crocodiles
- F. Defense
 - 1. Strong jaws—can bite a crocodile in half
 - 2. Group mob attacks on predators
 - 3. Stomps on predators

Grades 2-3

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Hippopotamus

Hippopotamus amphibius

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I. Body

- A. 1440-7040 pounds (655-3200 kg)
- B. 52-58 inches tall (130-145 cm)
- C. Enormous, thick, rounded body with smooth skin
- D. Skin brown to gray-purple with pink underparts
- E. Male canine tusks measure up to 20 inches long

II. Life

- A. Savanna, near rivers and streams, now mostly in protected areas
- B. Herbivore, grazer
- C. Food—grasses
- D. Nocturnal in areas near humans; appear to be diurnal in the wild
- E. Predators—Calves preyed on by lions, hyenas, crocodiles
- F. Defense
 - 1. Strong jaws—can bite a crocodile in half
 - 2. Mob attacks
 - 3. Trampling

III. Young

- A. Cows leave herd to give birth
- B. Calf weighs 48-121 pounds (22-55 kg) at birth
- C. Rejoins herd at 10-41 days
- D. "Babysitter" watches calves so mothers can feed
- E. Mothers gang up to attack troublesome bulls
- F. Calves feed on their own at 8 months

Grades 4-5

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