

English 3

Information Finding



Tigers



All wild tigers live in Asia. Tigers live in thick forests or areas with tall grasses to hide in and plenty of prey to eat.

Tiger stripes are like human fingerprints; no two tigers have the same pattern of stripes.

Wild tigers can eat as much as 40 pounds of meat at one time. After eating a lot, they often do not eat again for several days

The head-body length of a tiger is about 4 1/2 to 9 feet (1.4-2.8 m).

Elephants



The elephant is the largest animal that lives on land. Some male elephants can grow to be thirteen feet tall.

They have tusks—long teeth made of ivory—that help them get food and carry heavy objects.

Elephants eat grass, small branches, and bark from trees. They especially like leaves from the top branches

Most elephants live in the grasslands of Africa and in the forests of Asia. They live in groups called herds.



Gorillas

Gorillas are the largest living primates - the family of animals that includes monkeys, apes and humans. A mature male gorilla can be over 6 feet tall and weigh 300 to 500 pounds. He can spread his arms 8 feet across and is as strong as 4 to 8 strong men.

Gorillas eat leaves, flowers, fruit, fungus and some insects. Favourite foods include bamboo, thistles and wild celery. Gorillas do not drink water. They get all the moisture they need from the large amounts of foliage they eat. Males eat about 50 lbs. a day.

Gorillas live in moist tropical forests.

Dolphins

Dolphins can be found in most seas and oceans of the world.

Dolphins have a thick layer of fat called blubber that protects them from the cold temperatures of the icy waters.

Dolphins usually live up to about twenty years, but have been known to live for about forty.

An adult dolphin may consume 30 pounds of fish or more in a single day.



Alligators



Alligators live about as long as humans and average 70 years, but can be 100 years old

Alligators are usually found in freshwater, in slow-moving rivers. They are also found in swamps, marshes, and lakes.

When alligators grow their diet changes to include even larger animals such as muskrats, nutria, beaver, raccoons, large birds and fish, snakes, turtles, deer, etc.

Alligators are about 24-30cms in length when they are hatched from eggs. They can grow up to 4 metres as an adult.

Butterflies



Butterflies range in size from a tiny 4 cms to a huge 30 cms and their normal life span is 2 to 4 weeks.

Many butterflies can taste with their feet to find out whether the leaf they sit on is good to lay eggs on to be their caterpillars' food or not.

It eats nectar - sugar water, with its long straw-like tongue. Their favourite flowers are asters, cosmos, thistle, and buttonbush.

Butterflies use their antennae to smell.

Snakes

Snakes have two rows of teeth on the top jaw, one row on the bottom jaw. The teeth, including fangs, in most cases are replaced throughout life.

Snake's eyes are covered by clear scales rather than movable eyelids; therefore, their eyes are always open

They live almost everywhere, in deserts, forests, oceans, streams, and lakes. Some are ground dwellers, others live in trees, and other snakes spend most of their lives in water

Most snakes prefer to eat mammals and they may drink from pools and streams as well as sucking dew and raindrops one by one through the tongue groove in the lip



Task

Choose 2 of the animals and complete the table on the next page with the information in the text.

Choose 1 of the animals and write some sentences about them.

Finding out from charts

creature	size	colour	food	habitat	number of legs

write about one of your creatures.
