

All About the East African Savanna



More than half of Africa is covered with savanna.

A savanna is a large area with lots of grass. The trees are spread out.

The East African savanna is warm all year round. It does not rain very much at all.

It has a long summer for 6 to 8 months. This is when it rains.

It has a shorter winter for 4 to 6 months.

It does not rain at all in winter.

Animals may have to travel a long way to find water.



Animals That Live in the East African Savanna

Elephant

The African elephant is the biggest land animal on Earth.



Hippo

Hippos spend a lot of time in the water to protect their skin from the sun.



Giraffe

Giraffes have long necks so they can reach the leaves on trees.



Zebra

A group of zebras is called a dazzle.



Lion

Male lions have large manes but females do not.



Antelope

The steenbok antelope has big ears and eyes to hear and see danger.



Questions

1. Which of these sentences is true? **Tick one.**

- ☐ A savanna is a large area with lots of grass.
- ☐ A savanna is a large area full of trees.
- ☐ A savanna is a large area with no trees.

2. When does it rain?

3. Which animal is the biggest land animal on Earth? **Tick one.**

- ☐ hippo
- ☐ elephant
- ☐ giraffe

4. Why do giraffes have long necks? **Tick one.**

- ☐ to help them to stay cool
- ☐ to help them to look for danger
- ☐ to reach the leaves on the trees

5. What is a group of zebras called?
