

THE REAL LIFE LION KING

BEFORE YOU READ

What animals live in your country?

1 Simba the Lion

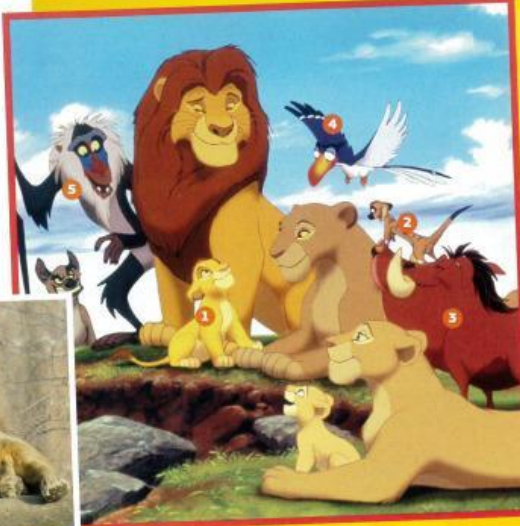
In the film ...
Simba and his family are lions. His father, Mufasa, is the king. His uncle Scar is jealous ... he wants to be king!

In real life ...
Lions live in big families called 'prides'. Lions eat monkeys, birds, meerkats and warthogs! Lions weigh 270kg and live for fourteen years. There are only 20,000 lions in the wild.



WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT AFRICAN ANIMALS FROM THIS FILM?

It's the UK's favourite Disney film! In 1994, the first film was a cartoon. Now, it's a musical and a live-action film!



2 Timone the Meerkat

In the film ...
Timone is very friendly and cute! He teaches Simba how to eat insects and bugs!

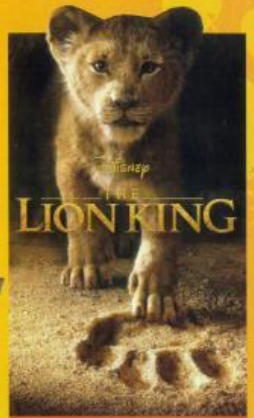
In real life ...
Meerkats are small, but they aren't cute ... they're shy and angry! In real life, they eat frogs, too! Eugh!



3 Pumbaa the Warthog

In the film ...
Pumbaa is funny and happy. He isn't very clever. He's also very smelly and likes burping!

In real life ...
Warthogs can be angry, dangerous and very smelly! Yuck! They can run at 48 kilometres per hour! There are 250,000 warthogs in Africa.



The NEW Lion King

Opens: July 19th 2019 ... that's 25 years after the first film!

Actors: Donald Glover is the voice of Simba, and Beyoncé is the voice of Nala!

Songs: Four of the songs are the same ... and there new songs too!

4 Zazu the Hornbill

In the film ...
Zazu is old. He helps the lions and gives them advice. He thinks Simba is naughty, and he tries to teach him.

In real life ...
These birds are very wise! They have a large, colourful beak. There are sixty types of hornbill in Africa and Asia! Some can live to 70 years old!



5 Rafiki the Baboon

In the film ...
Rafiki is a baboon. He is very old, but he helps Simba to defeat* his evil uncle.

In real life ...
He's a cross between a mandrill (which has a red and blue face) and a baboon (which has a tail)! Baboons are big – they are 86 centimetres tall! They sleep in trees, but in the day they walk on the ground.



*WORDWISE

English
wise
to defeat

Spanish
inteligencia
derrotar

Italian
saggio
battere

German
weise
besiegen

Dutch
verstandig
verslaan

French
sage
battre

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