

The Giraffe

Giraffa camelopardalis, or what we call the giraffe, is the tallest (1) terrestrial animal on earth. It is (2) found in Africa. When fully grown, it can grow to over 5m in height, but when it is born, it (3) about 1,7m. Its tongue is extremely long at about 40 cm, which it uses to (4) leaves from the tops of trees. It gets most of the water it (5) from the leaves it eats. (6) , for that reason, it can go for more than a month without drinking. When it does drink, it has to spread its front legs wide apart to (7) the water. Although it has few enemies, it kicks when it needs to (8) itself. Occasionally a lion might try its (9) if one passes under the tree where it is sitting. Giraffes, however, have (10) good eyesight they usually notice the lion in time.

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