

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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