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Grade:

Reading Passages

Zoo Animals

Read the passage and answer the questions.



Giraffe

The giraffe is the tallest land animal in the world and is known for its long neck and its spots. Every giraffe has its own **pattern** of brown spots covering its body. Giraffes also have two skin-covered horns on the top of their head. These horns protect the males' heads when they fight.

Giraffes are **herbivores** and spend most of their day eating leaves. They **especially** like the leaves from the acacia tree. They eat about 100 pounds of leaves a day. Since giraffes are so tall, it is hard for them to bend down to drink water. They get most of their water from the leaves they eat. Giraffes sleep less than two hours a day. They can sleep lying down or standing up. Giraffes live for about 25 years in the wild.

1. Giraffes sleep most of the day.

☐ true

☐ false

2. A giraffe eats about _____ pounds of leaves a day.

☐ 50

☐ 150

☐ 100

3. What do herbivores eat?

☐ plants

☐ animals

☐ fish

4. Name two ways giraffes can sleep.

5. Explain why giraffes get most of their water from the leaves they eat.

What Do

pattern – a repeating design

herbivore – animal that feeds on plants

especially – very much

includes

- Zebra
- Giraffe
- Elephant
- Lion
- Tiger

- Gorilla
- Hippo
- Monkey
- Penguin

