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Read this text carefully.

LIONS



Lions are a symbol of wild Africa. They are strong, beautiful animals. Lions are big cats. They live in Africa and Asia. There are around 20.000 lions in Africa and about 300 in Asia, in the North of India. Male lions are larger than the females. Adult male lions weigh* between 150 and 260 kilograms and they can run at a top speed of 58 kilometres an hour, but not for long. Lions are excellent swimmers.

Tigers, leopards, and jaguars are also big cats. Lions are family animals. They are the only big cats that live in large groups. They usually live in groups of fifteen or more. While the females usually live with the group for life, the males often stay for only two to four years. Young lions abandon the group when they are three or four years old. Males defend the territory and the females hunt** animals for the group and take care of the baby lions. They generally hunt in groups of two or three, but they do not hunt during the day. They hunt at night, when it's dark and cool. After the kill, the males usually eat first, the females next and finally the baby lions. They sleep or rest for approximately 20 hours each day.

Lions are carnivores—meat eaters. They hunt impalas, zebras, gnus and buffaloes. They do not eat every day. They usually eat every two or three days. A typical meal for an adult male lion is 7 kilos of meat but they can eat as much as 27 kilos.

Lions can live nearly 30 years in captivity but about 15 years in the wild.

Adapted from:
http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/animals/creaturefeature/lion/
http://www.felid.org/activities/page_193.htm

Vocabulary:
* **weigh**: *pesar*
** **hunt**: *caçar*

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1. Where do lions live?

They live in _____ and _____.

2. How many lions are there in Africa?

There are _____ lions.

3. How many kilograms can an adult male lion weigh?

a. 27 kg.

b. 58 kg.

c. 150 kg.

4. Where are there more lions?

a. In Africa.

b. In Asia.

c. The text doesn't say.

5. Lions...

a. run and swim.

b. swim but don't run.

c. run but don't swim.

6. Which of these animals is not a big cat?

a. Elephants.

b. Leopards.

c. Jaguars.

7. Lions live…

a. alone.

b. in groups of 2 or 3.

c. in groups of 15 or more.

8. In the group, males and females...

a. do different things.

b. hunt together.

c. do the same things.

9. Who eat first after the kill?

a. The females.

b. The males.

c. The baby lions.

10. In which part of the text do you find information about how many years lions live in the wild?

a. In the first paragraph.

b. In the third paragraph.

c. In the fourth paragraph.

11. Typically a lion eats…

a. 7 kilograms of meat.

b. 27 kilograms of meat.

c. between 150 and 259 kilograms of meat.

12. This text…

a. tells a story about lions.

b. gives information about lions.

c. explains how to hunt lions.

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