

THE GIRAFFE

The giraffe has a tall, long neck that helps the giraffe get food from high places. The giraffe can bite leaves off of the top of a tree, and it can munch flowers on a roof.

A male will fight with his neck. This is called neck fighting. Two males hit each other with their heads, and they fight until they get tired. The giraffe that stops the fight wins.

A giraffe also uses his neck to keep safe. His long neck helps him to see danger when it is out in the grass. The giraffe watches for lions and other dangerous animals. The mother giraffe can be eating far away and can still keep an eye on her babies. She holds her head high and keeps looking around.

To stay alive, giraffes have to stand tall!



STORY QUESTIONS

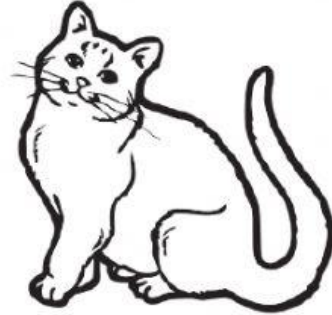
1. What body part helps the giraffe eat leaves on the tops of trees?
 - a. head
 - b. neck
 - c. feet
 - d. ears
2. This story is mostly about . . .
 - a. a lion.
 - b. a mother.
 - c. the giraffe.
 - d. a baby.
3. A **synonym** is a word that means the same thing. *Munch* means . . .
 - a. watch
 - b. eat
 - c. look
 - d. stand

CATS

Cats have things that help them catch mice. These things also help cats get away.

Cats use these to feel their way in the dark, and they use them to find out how large a hole is. They also use these when the air moves. These things help tell the cat if there is a wall, a bed, or an object from the air that hits them. The cat uses these to feel its food on the ground. They tell the cat if a mouse is about to get away. If a twig hits it, the cat will blink to protect its eyes because these things let it know quickly that something is coming toward it.

Do you know what part of a cat this is? It is the whiskers! They give the cat feeling. They guide and save the cat from getting hurt. They help your cat go through its day and night happy.



STORY QUESTIONS

1. What is this story mostly about?
 - a. keeping your cat safe
 - b. the life of a cat
 - c. a cat's whiskers
 - d. helping your cat eat the right food
2. An **antonym** means the opposite. *Day* is an antonym for ...
 - a. light.
 - b. wall.
 - c. big.
 - d. night.
3. Which one is **NOT TRUE** about the cat's whiskers?
 - a. They help it to cook rice.
 - b. They save the cat from getting hurt.
 - c. They help it find their way in the dark.
 - d. They help it catch mice.

SQUID

Do you know which is one of the biggest animals in the ocean?

It is the squid. A squid had eight arms. It has two longer arms called tentacles. Its arms are as long as a school bus. The squid also has eyes that are as big as a basketball.

Squid like to eat small fish and small squid. They use their long arms to grab the fish. The eight arms help to keep the fish from getting away. Last, they put the fish or small squid in their mouths. Their beaks are sharp, and they cut the fish to pieces.

There are still many things to learn about the squid. They live so far down in the ocean that it makes it hard to learn about them.



- 1.** What is the name for the arms of the squid?
 - a. eight
 - b. mouth
 - c. tentacles
 - d. beak

- 2.** In the text, “as long as a school bus” means . . .
 - a. the arms move in the water like a bus.
 - b. the arms have doors like a bus.
 - c. the arms look like a school bus.
 - d. the arms are very long like a school bus.

- 3.** Why is it hard to learn much about the squid?
 - a. It lives so far down under the water.
 - b. It moves too fast.
 - c. It is hard to catch with all those arms.
 - d. Its beak is too sharp.