

# THE REAL LIFE LION KING

## BEFORE YOU READ

What animals live in your country?

### 1 Simba the Lion

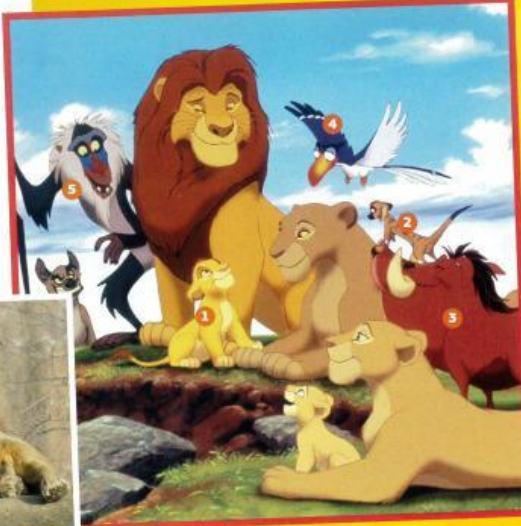
**In the film ...**  
Simba and his family are lions. His father, Mufasa, is the king. His uncle Scar is jealous ... he wants to be king!

**In real life ...**  
Lions live in big families called 'prides'. Lions eat monkeys, birds, meerkats and warthogs! Lions weigh 270kg and live for fourteen years. There are only 20,000 lions in the wild.



## WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT AFRICAN ANIMALS FROM THIS FILM?

It's the UK's favourite Disney film! In 1994, the first film was a cartoon. Now, it's a musical and a live-action film!



### 2 Timone the Meerkat

**In the film ...**  
Timone is very friendly and cute! He teaches Simba how to eat insects and bugs!

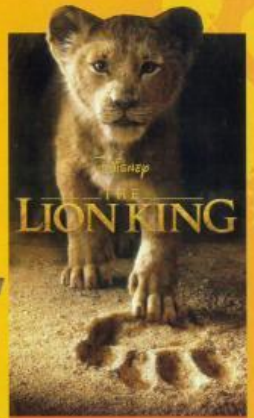
**In real life ...**  
Meerkats are small, but they aren't cute ... they're shy and angry! In real life, they eat frogs, too! Eugh!



### 3 Pumbaa the Warthog

**In the film ...**  
Pumbaa is funny and happy. He isn't very clever. He's also very smelly and likes burping!

**In real life ...**  
Warthogs can be angry, dangerous and very smelly! Yuck! They can run at 48 kilometres per hour! There are 250,000 warthogs in Africa.



## The NEW Lion King

Opens: July 19th 2019 ... that's 25 years after the first film!

**Actors:** Donald Glover is the voice of Simba, and Beyoncé is the voice of Nala!

**Songs:** Four of the songs are the same ... and there new songs too!

### 4 Zazu the Hornbill

**In the film ...**  
Zazu is old. He helps the lions and gives them advice. He thinks Simba is naughty, and he tries to teach him.

**In real life ...**

These birds are very wise! They have a large, colourful beak. There are sixty types of hornbill in Africa and Asia! Some can live to 70 years old!



### 5 Rafiki the Baboon

**In the film ...**  
Rafiki is a baboon. He is very old, but he helps Simba to defeat\* his evil uncle.

**In real life ...**

He's a cross between a mandrill (which has a red and blue face) and a baboon (which has a tail)! Baboons are big – they are 86 centimetres tall! They sleep in trees, but in the day they walk on the ground.



#### \*WORDWISE

English  
wise  
to defeat

Spanish  
inteligencia  
derrotar

Italian  
saggio  
battere

German  
weise  
besiegen

Dutch  
verstandig  
verslaan

French  
sage  
battre

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