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TIGER

Did you know that tigers look like big cats? Most of them live in the wild; however, some people buy them for pets. Other people look at them in the zoo.

If tigers become pets, the people who own them are still not always safe. Tigers will purr like a cat, and they will lick your arm. Sometimes they will go where you go. They love to play, but they are still wild animals. People who have tigers for pets need to remember that tigers can still get mad and cannot be trusted. Tigers can bite. If they put their ears flat, do not go near them. If they curl their lips, it is not safe to be near them.

At the zoo, the tigers live in a cage. People can walk by and look at them. The people who look at them cannot pet them or feed them. The tigers can walk in their cage, and they can lie in the sun. People can see the orange and black on their coats, and they can hear them growl. As long as the people stay outside of the cage, they are safe.

Just remember that whether you see a tiger in the wild, as a pet, or in the zoo, the tiger may look pretty, but it is not safe.



STORY QUESTIONS

1. Where do most tigers live?
 - a. in the zoo
 - b. with people as pets
 - c. in the wild
 - d. at the park
2. The word *bite* could be changed to . . .
 - a. "make a loud noise."
 - b. "walk in their cage."
 - c. "put their teeth into."
 - d. "swim in the water."
3. The word *tigers* means . . .
 - a. more than one tiger.
 - b. one tiger.
 - c. no tiger.