

# Big Cats

How much do you know about big cats?

Put these words into the text:

the rarest   shorter   more solitary   bigger   the fastest   longer  
the lightest   smaller   the best   the most endangered   heavier

Most lions live in southern Africa, but there are some in India. In size, the females are <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ than the males and males have <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ hair on their heads. This hair is called a mane. Lions sleep for about 18 hours a day. They live in families.

On the other hand, tigers are <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and hunt at night on their own. They live in forests in Asia, Sumatra and Java. Some tigers are <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ than lions. Tigers are rare in the wild and one of <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ species because people hunt them for their fur. They love water and are <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ swimmers of all big cats.

Leopards and jaguars are very similar, but leopards live in Africa and Asia and jaguars live in central South America. Like tigers, they live alone. Jaguars are <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ - they can weigh up to 158 kilograms while Leopards up to 98 kilograms. Also, leopards have <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ tails.

Snow \_\_\_\_\_ leopards are <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ big cats. They live in high mountains in central Asia and people hunt them for their fur. Finally, cheetahs are <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, with only 64 kilograms, and <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the big cats family.

