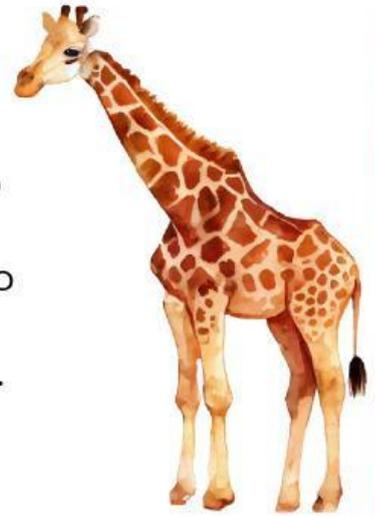


# WHY DO GIRAFFES HAVE LONG NECKS?

Giraffes are the tallest animals in the world. Their long necks help them eat leaves from the tops of trees. Some scientists think **giraffes' necks** also help them **fight**. When two **male** giraffes want to show who is stronger, they **swing** their necks to hit each other. Giraffes live in Africa, where they eat plants like acacia leaves. They need to drink water, but they can go for days without drinking because they get water from the leaves they eat. Today, giraffes are in danger because people cut down the trees where they live.



**1 What is the fastest animal in the world?**

- a) A cheetah
- b) A peregrine falcon
- c) A whale

**2 How fast can a peregrine falcon dive?**

- a) 100 kilometers per hour
- b) 200 kilometers per hour
- c) More than 300 kilometers per hour

**3 Where can peregrine falcons live?**

- a) Only in forests
- b) In cities, mountains, and forests
- c) Only in mountains

**4 What made peregrine falcons' eggs unhealthy in the past?**

- a) Noise pollution
- b) Pesticides
- c) Cars