

The Giraffe Family – Reading Tasks

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Julian and Stephanie Fennessy are giraffe experts. They live in Namibia in Africa with their **son**, Luca, and **daughter**, Molly. They aren't from Namibia. They live there because of the giraffes.

Luca (twelve years old)

We help our **parents** with the giraffes. We use photos to see which giraffes are there. We know many giraffes because they all have different spots. Our family is from different places—my dad is from Australia, and my mom is from Germany.

Molly (nine years old)

Giraffes are cool. They are tall, and their colors are beautiful. I like their soft noses. Melvin is the name of my favorite giraffe. I like living here, but we don't see our **grandparents**, uncles and aunts, or cousins in Germany and Australia very often.



Task 1. Match the words with their definitions

A. _____ expert	1. Parents of your mom or dad
B. _____ nest	2. A very tall animal with a long neck
C. _____ giraffe	3. A home for birds
D. _____ grandparents	4. Small marks on an animal's skin or body
E. _____ spots	5. A person who knows a lot about something
F. _____ farmer	6. A person who grows plants or looks after animals on a farm

Task 2. Answer the questions (ONE-WORD answers)

1. Where does the Fennessy family live? _____

2. What animal do they study? _____
3. Where is Luca's dad from? _____
4. Where is Luca's mom from? _____
5. What is the name of Molly's favorite giraffe? _____

Task 3. Read and write T (true) or F (false).

1. The Fennessy family comes from Namibia. (____)
2. Luca is twelve years old. (____)
3. Molly likes the soft noses of giraffes. (____)
4. The family often sees their grandparents in Africa. (____)
5. Giraffes all look the same. (____)

Task 4. Complete the summary.

(0) Julian and Stephanie Fennessy are experts. They live in
(1) _____ with their children, Luca and Molly. They study
(2) _____. Luca's dad is from (3) _____ and his mom is from
(4) _____. Molly likes the giraffes' (5) _____ noses. Her
favorite giraffe is called (6) _____.

Task 5. Talk with your partner. Answer these questions:

1. Do you like giraffes? Why / Why not?
2. What is your favorite animal?
3. Do you know any animals that live in Africa?
4. Do you have grandparents? Where do they live?
5. Would you like to see giraffes one day?