

TIGERS -1st Grade

The tiger is the biggest of all living cats. Its fur is reddish-orange with black stripes. Each stripe pattern is one of a kind. Male tigers have extra thick fur around their necks. This is called a collar or ruff. Males are usually bigger than females. Tigers are very strong.

Baby tigers are called cubs. They can have up to 7 babies at one time but usually have around 3 in a litter. In the wild, tigers grow up and move away from their family. They live alone most of the time. Due to captive breeding more tigers live in captivity than in the wild.

Tigers are meat eaters. Meat eaters are also called carnivores. They hunt between sundown and sunup. Common prey (food) would include deer, pig, crocodiles, young elephants, rhinos, monkeys, birds, fish, leopards and bears. They also eat people. Tigers can eat 35 to 90 pounds in one sitting. Despite their size they are not always successful when they hunt. They will capture prey only 1 time out of 10-20 attempts.

FIRST GRADE:

1. Tigers are carnivores or meat eaters. Their diet could include which of the following?
 - a. Man
 - b. Deer
 - c. Pig
 - d. Other tigers
 - e. All of the above

Answer: e

2. True or False - More tigers live in captivity than reside in the wild.

Answer: True; 15,000 are estimated to live in captivity while there are an estimated 2000-2500 in the wild.