

## Phase 5 + (No need to print this document out)

# Giraffes

Giraffes are the tallest animals in the world. They can grow to over 5 metres in height, which is taller than three people! They have long legs and a very long neck. Giraffes can be easily recognised by their patterned coats, which have darker patches that may be shades of brown or orange. No two giraffes have the same markings.

### Habitat

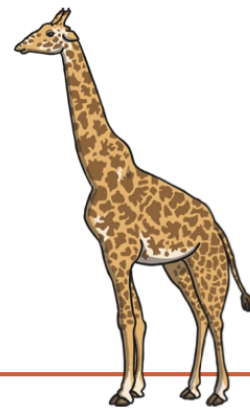
Giraffes live in areas of Africa (a hot, dry place). They can be found on the grassy plains and in the open woodlands of the African savannah.

### Diet

Giraffes are herbivores, which means they only eat plants. They have a very long tongue, which helps them to reach leaves and twigs high up in trees and shrubs. They spend almost all day eating and can eat as much as 45 kilogrammes of food in a day. Giraffes do not drink very much water as they get most of what they need from the leaves they eat.

### Predators

Their height and good eyesight help them to look out for danger. Giraffes can be attacked by lions. Giraffes will kick with their strong legs to try to protect themselves.



### Fun Facts

- Giraffes like to meet up in small groups known as 'towers'.
- A giraffe's tongue can be 45 – 50 centimetres long.
- Giraffes are usually silent but they can grunt, snort and even hiss.
- Male giraffes may sometimes fight one another by banging their necks against each other.

