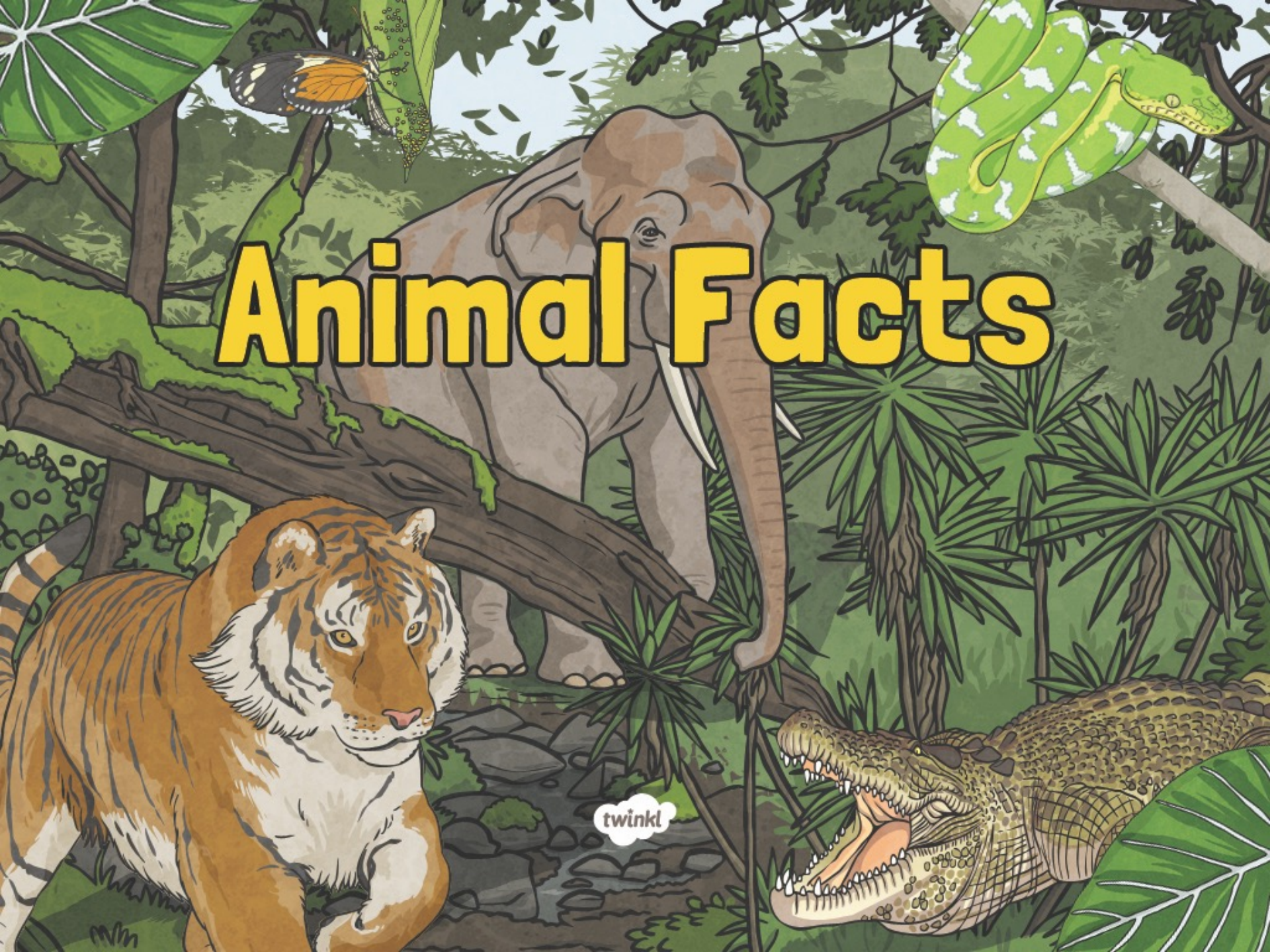


# Animal Facts





# Tigers

The tiger is the biggest species in the cat family. Tigers can reach 3.3 metres in length.



Wild tigers live in Asia, in places where there is plenty of prey. They live in thick forests or hide in areas of long grass.



Tigers' stripes are like human fingerprints; no two tigers have the same patterns.



Tigers usually hunt alone at night. They can eat up to 40 pounds of meat in one sitting and after this will not eat for the next few days.



# Crocodiles

Crocodiles can swim at 25mph with just the help of their tail.



Crocodiles can live as long as humans, up to 80 years.



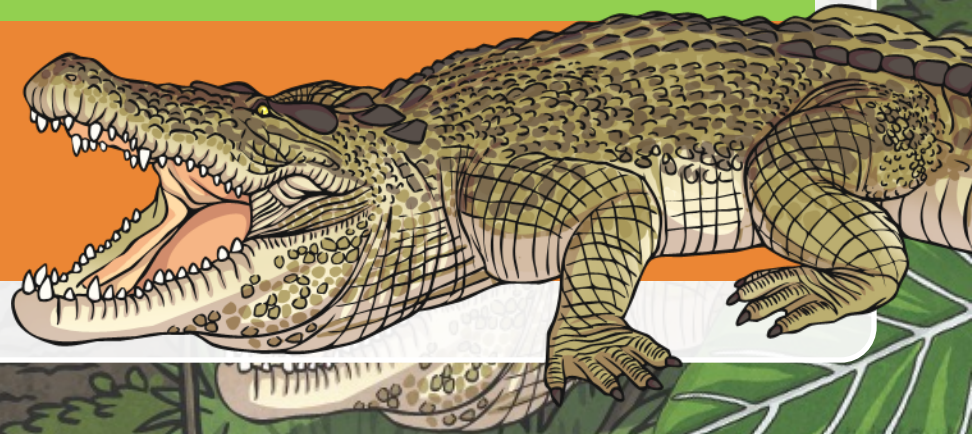
Most crocodiles live in fresh water lakes or rivers.



When crocodiles sit with their mouths open on river banks, it is not aggression. They are trying to cool down as they sweat through their mouth.



Crocodiles have the strongest bite of any animal in the world.





# Whales

Killer whales are some of the top predators in the marine world. They feed mostly on fish, but some hunt seals, sea lions and walrus.



Whales are mammals, which means they need to come up for air, unlike fish which can breathe underwater.



Whales need to eat 50-150 kilograms of meat every day.



The blue whale is the largest known mammal that has ever lived, with a length of up to 105 feet, and weight of approximately 105 tons. That's the weight equivalent to 150 small cars!



Whales can not breathe through their mouths because their mouth is directly connected to the stomach



# Giraffes

A giraffe's neck is 1.5-1.8 metres long but has the same number of vertebra as a human neck.



Giraffes have purple tongues.



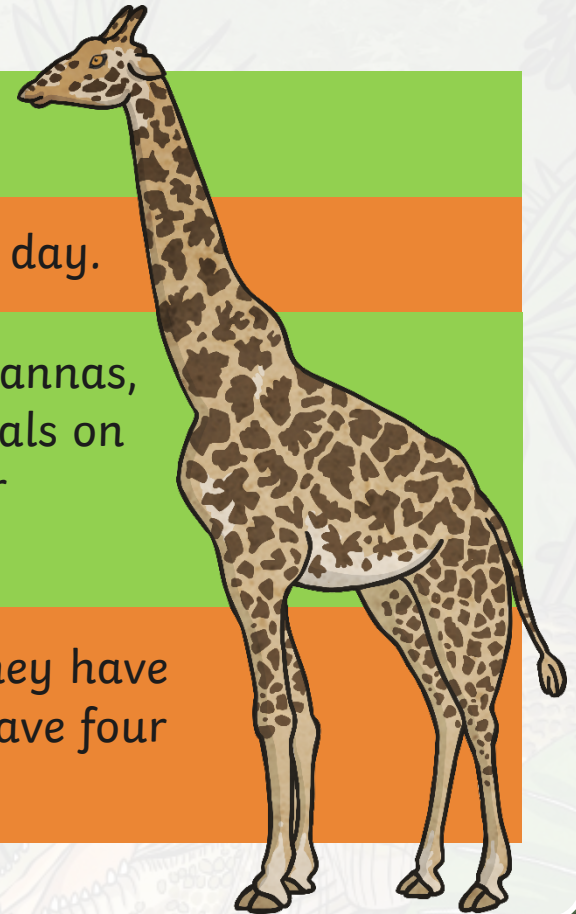
Giraffes only get about 30 minutes sleep a day.



A giraffe's habitat is usually in African savannas, grasslands or open woodlands. Other animals on the savanna use giraffes as watchtowers or observation posts for predators.



Giraffes are ruminants. This means that they have more than one stomach. In fact, giraffes have four stomachs which help with digestion.





# Elephants

There are two types of elephants, the Asian elephant and the African elephant.



An elephant needs to drink about 210 litres a day



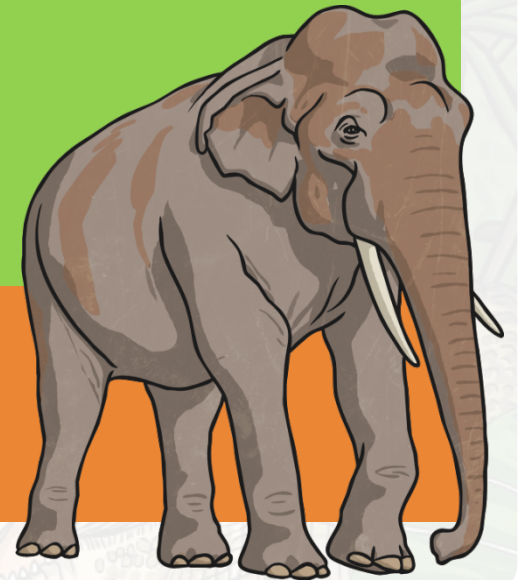
A female elephant is called a cow. It will produce a single calf.



An elephant's trunk size can grow about 2 metres long. Their trunks can sense the size, shape and temperature of an object. They use their trunks to pick up food and drink water.



Elephants have large thin ears. Their ears are made from a complex network of blood vessels, which regulate their temperature.



# Butterflies

Scientists estimate that there are between 15 000 and 20 000 different species of butterfly.



Butterflies have four wings. These are often brightly coloured with unique patterns made up of tiny scales.



Butterflies range in size from  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch to 12 inches.



When a butterfly emerges from a chrysalis, it waits a few hours.



Butterflies can live in the adult stage from anywhere between a week and a year, depending on the species.





# Snakes

Snakes do not have eyelids.



Snakes cannot bite food so they swallow it whole. They have flexible jaws which allow them to eat prey bigger than their head!



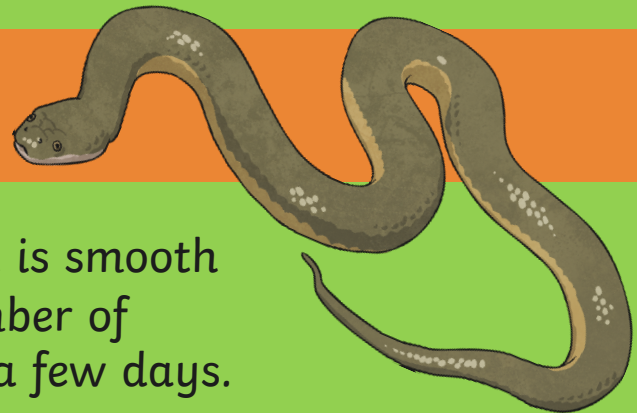
Snakes smell with their tongue.



Snakes' skin is covered in scales and is smooth and dry. They shed their skin a number of times a year in a process that lasts a few days.



Some snakes fake their death when feeling threatened. They flip onto their backs, open their mouths and let off a smelly gas.







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