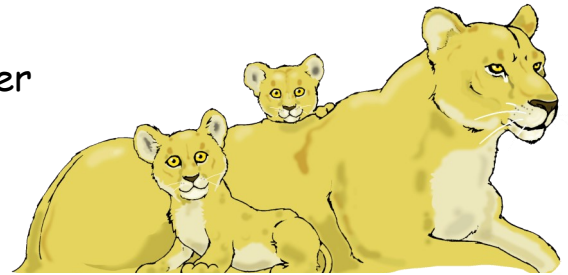


Writing and comprehension: Lions

Whilst lions are cats, they are unusual as they live in family groups called prides. A male lion is easy to identify as they grow large, shaggy manes around their heads to make them look impressive and large. Lionesses are the real hard workers in this set up, as they not only raise the cubs, but do most of the hunting as well.

As top predators on the savannah, lions hunt a wide range of prey including zebra, wildebeest and antelope. They work together as a pride to isolate the weakest animals and will bring them down.

The cubs stay close by as there are many other animals that could see them as an easy meal. Leopards, hyena and hunting dogs are all a very real danger to the young lions.



TARGET: Use descriptive vocabulary in your full sentence answers.



How can you identify a male lion?

What do lions eat?

Do lions face any dangers?

EXTENSION: With a partner or as a class.

Think of an African animal and see if the others can guess it within 20 questions! You can only answer "Yes" or "No".



Writing activity.

The Cool Pool

Lions are big cats from Africa.

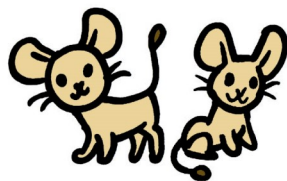
Can you use the word bank to create some sentences about this animal?



Use the book *The Cool Pool* to help with ideas and spellings.



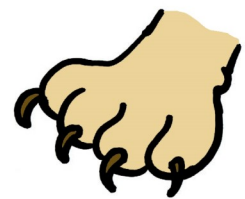
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cubs



jaws



claws



zebra



lioness



mane

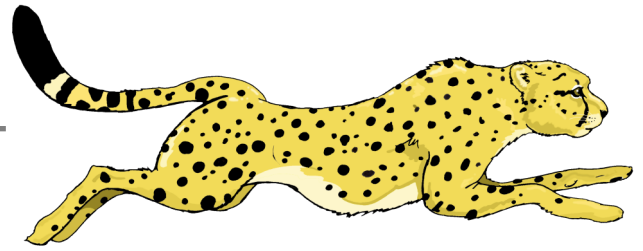


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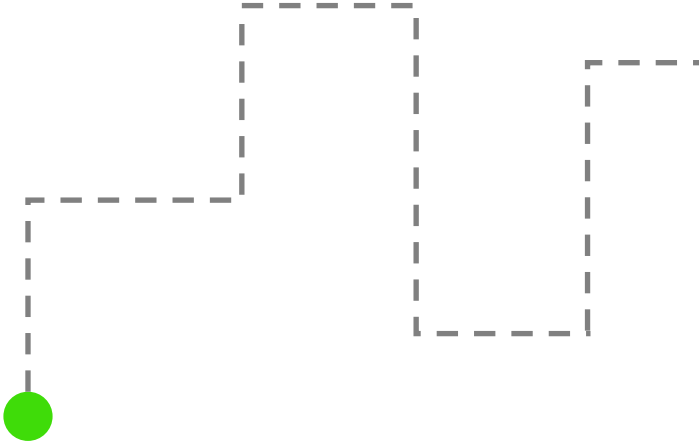
Handwriting oo sound.

The Cool Pool

Follow the cheetah...



Can you name any other big cats?



Trace the word, then transfer on to the line.



ZOO

ZOO

ZOO

cool

cool

cool

food

loop

boot

zoo	pool
room	gloom
shoot	boot
tool	tooth
too	balloon



**TREEFROG
PHONICS**

Name

Date

zoo			
pool			
room			
gloom			
shoot			
too			
boot			
balloon			
tool			
tooth			

Name _____

Date _____

Learning the “oo” sound (like zoo)

I got lots of mud on my _____ .



My house has a _____ on top.

We can see the _____ in the sky.



The _____ will get the mess up.

My _____ helps me to eat my _____ .



moon spoon food boots broom roof

Have a go! Use any “oo” word from your spellings
