

African Cheetah

Website: <https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/cheetah>

What is the fastest land animal in the world? The African cheetah. These animals live in the open savannas of Africa and hunt animals. They were worshipped by the ancient Egyptian societies. Today, the cheetah still stirs the imagination with their beautiful markings and incredible speed.

Now visit the website. Look at the “Fun Facts” on the right side of the webpage:

- 1) How long does the cheetah live in the wilderness?
 - a. Ten years
 - b. Twelve years
 - c. Eighteen years
 - d. Twenty years

- 2) About how long is the cheetah’s tail?
 - a. 10 inches
 - b. 30 inches
 - c. 40 inches
 - d. 50 inches

- 3) While running, can cheetahs turn their direction in midair?
 - a. What is a cheetah?
 - b. Yes
 - c. No
 - d. Maybe

- 4) What is the name for a group of cheetahs?
 - a. Army
 - b. Troop
 - c. Coalition
 - d. Pride

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Go to this section: 

- 5) Look at the paragraph that starts with “Social life on the savanna.” Cheetahs live in Africa. What desert do they live next to?
 - a. African Desert
 - b. Gobi Desert
 - c. Scorching Desert
 - d. Sahara Desert

- 6) Go the paragraph that begins with “While running, a cheetah covers...” In miles per hour, how much faster is a cheetah than a racehorse?
 - a. They are the same.
 - b. The cheetah is faster by about 27 miles per hour.
 - c. The racehorse is faster by 27 miles per hour.
 - d. This is too confusing, and I give up.

Go to this section: **HABITAT AND DIET**

- 7) Look at the second paragraph. What do cheetahs eat? (**circle more than one**).
- Leopards
 - Baboons
 - Antelope
 - Rabbits
 - Ostriches
- 8) Look at the first paragraph again. True or false? Cheetahs are scavengers.
- True
 - False
 - What's a scavenger again?
- 9) How do cheetahs hunt?
- They attack a herd of animals and get lucky.
 - They stalk weak animals by sight.
 - They hunt in a large pack.
 - They give up quickly.

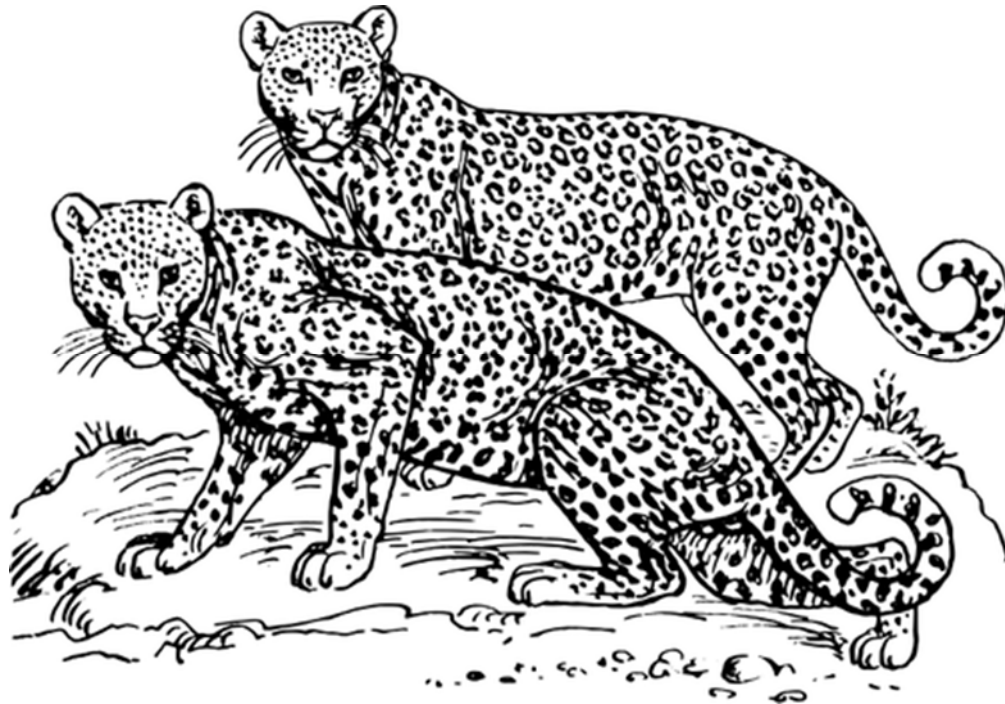
Go to this section: **FAMILY LIFE**

- 10) Read the first paragraph, "Hear that?". What kind of noise do cheetahs **NOT** make?
- Roar
 - Bark
 - Chirp
 - Purr
- 11) Find the paragraph that begins with "At about six months of age..." A surprising number of cheetah cubs are killed by other animals, nearly 70%. What animals sometimes kill cheetah cubs? (**circle many**)
- Lions
 - Leopards
 - Hyenas
 - Ostriches

Go to this section: **CONSERVATION**

- 12) Look at the first paragraph. About how many cheetahs are left in the wild?
- 100
 - 2,000
 - 5,000
 - 7,000
- 13) Find the paragraph "Help for cheetahs..." Then find the sentence "The Fund also introduced..." How did the dogs help cheetahs?
- They don't. They hurt the cheetahs.
 - They protect the cheetahs by barking.
 - They keep people's livestock safe from cheetahs.
 - The cheetahs eat the dogs.

Color in these hunting cheetahs. Pick your favorite one. Give it a name, an age, and a favorite olympic sport.



Your animal's name _____

Your animal's Age _____

What country does your animal live in? _____

Your animal's favorite Olympic sport _____

Answer Key

- 1 B
- 2 B
- 3 B
- 4 C
- 5 D
- 6 B
- 7 C, D, E
- 8 B
- 9 B
- 10 A
- 11 A, B, C
- 12 D
- 13 C

Glossary

Savannah (Suh-van-nuh)	Open grassland of Africa with very few trees.
Scavengers (Ska-venn-jers)	Animals that eat other dead animals that they find.
Stalk (Stawk)	To sneak up on a person or animal.
Stir (Stur)	To mix, move, or inspire.