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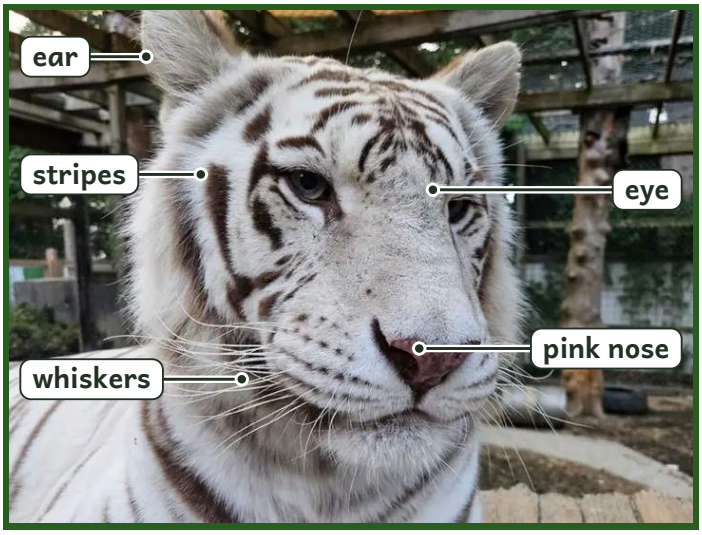
BENGAL TIGER

Panthera tigris tigris

GRADES K–2

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Teachers: read this page aloud, one part at a time (about 5 minutes). Children follow along and say the bold words.



Our white tiger has dark stripes too.

Its body

A tiger is a big cat.
It has dark stripes.
One of our tigers has a white coat.
White tigers are still tigers.

Its home (habitat)

Wild ones live in Asia.
They live in forests and grass.
This kind is **endangered**.
Our white tiger is part Bengal.



Lives in parts of this area ★ Plumpton Park Zoo, Rising Sun, MD

Its food

It hunts deer and wild boar.
It hunts mostly at night.

Its babies (life cycle)

A baby tiger is a **cub**.
A mother often has 2 or 3 cubs.
She feeds them milk.
She teaches them to hunt.

Fun facts

No 2 tigers have the same stripes.
Tigers are strong swimmers.

Words to know

cub: a baby tiger
endangered: at risk, so it needs help
hunt: to catch animals for food

Talk about it

1. How are two tigers' stripes different?
2. Who teaches a cub to hunt?
3. Is a white tiger still a tiger? How do you know?

Learn more: plumptonparkzoo.org/mammals/bengal-tiger/ · **Sources:** Smithsonian National Zoo; Animal Diversity Web; Xu et al. (2013)
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Before and after your visit

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Name _____ **Date** _____

Before you visit · 5 minutes

What do you think? Circle **YES** or **NO**.

1. A tiger is a big cat. **YES** **NO**
2. All tigers have the same stripes. **YES** **NO**
3. A baby tiger is a cub. **YES** **NO**
4. Tigers cannot swim. **YES** **NO**

At the zoo · with a partner

Check each one you see.

- ☐ stripes
- ☐ whiskers
- ☐ pink nose
- ☐ ears
- ☐ big paws
- ☐ long tail

What is it doing? Circle one.

resting · walking · yawning

After your visit · 10 minutes

Draw a tiger. Give it your own stripes.

Draw here

A tiger has _____

I learned that _____

ADJUST IT Kindergarten: read everything aloud; children talk and draw, and an adult writes their words. **Grade 2:** children read page 1 on their own. **Grades 3–5:** use the regular bengal tiger sheet on Teacher Resources. **Second source:** read about this animal in your class database or a library book too, then ask what both said and what was new. **No zoo trip?** Check off what you can find in the photo on page 1. **Answers:** 1 yes, 2 no, 3 yes, 4 no.

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