MEET THEM AT PLUMPTON PARK ZOO

SIBERIAN TIGER

Panthera tigris altaica · also called Amur tiger

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Fast facts

ANIMAL GROUP	Mammal — big cat
NATIVE REGION	Russian Far East; a few in China
HABITAT	Forests
DIET	Carnivore: deer, elk, wild boar
SIZE	Males up to about 10 ft long
WEIGHT	Males up to about 660 lb
LIFESPAN	10–15 years wild; up to 20 in human care
STATUS	Endangered
OUR TIGERS	Alexis and Miracle (rescued)



Photo: Plumpton Park Zoo

Did you know?

- The Siberian, or Amur, tiger is the largest cat in the world.
- No two tigers have the same stripes.
- A tiger can eat up to 75 pounds of meat in one night.
- Tigers are strong swimmers that can cross rivers and lakes up to 5 miles wide.
- A tiger's friendly greeting is a soft snort called a chuff.

Words to know

Subspecies: a group within a species that lives in one area and looks a little different.
Endangered: at risk of disappearing from the wild.
Poaching: illegal hunting.
Ambush: a surprise attack from a hiding place.

Think about it

1. What is another name for the Siberian tiger?
2. How can scientists tell one wild tiger from another?
3. What large animals does a Siberian tiger hunt?
4. How many Amur tigers are thought to live in the wild?
5. What two threats are harming wild tigers?

Draw it

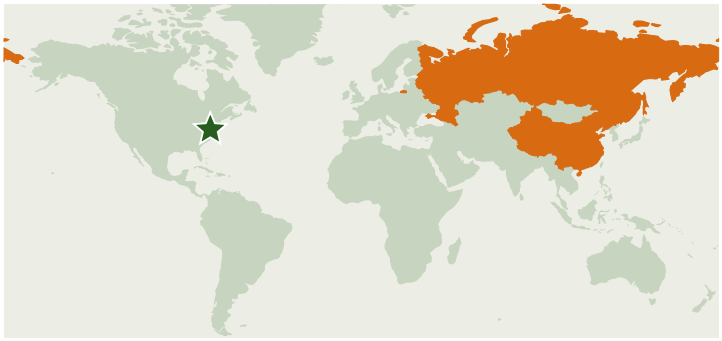
Draw a tiger stalking through the forest. Label its stripes, whiskers, paws and tail.

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Draw here

Where it lives in the wild



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Before and after your visit

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Before you visit · 5 minutes

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Predict: where in the wild does the Siberian tiger live?
Circle one (or more if it lives on more than one):

Africa | Asia | Australia | Europe | North America | South America

2. Predict: what does it eat?
☐ plants ☐ other animals ☐ both

3. Word hunt: find these words on page 1. Put a check by each one you already know.
☐ Subspecies ☐ Endangered ☐ Poaching ☐ Ambush

Pick one word and write what it means in your own words:

_____

_____

4. My question: one thing I want to find out when I see the Siberian tiger.

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At the zoo · look closely

Watch for one minute. What is it doing?
☐ resting ☐ eating ☐ moving ☐ watching
☐ with others

Draw or describe one body part that helps it survive, and say how it helps.

Draw here

After your visit · talk it over

1. Check your prediction. Native region: Russian Far East; a few in China. Was your guess right?
☐ yes ☐ no ☐ partly

2. Diet check. The fact sheet says: Carnivore: deer, elk, wild boar. What did you learn about how it finds or eats food?

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3. Discuss with a partner, then write your best answer.

• How can scientists tell one wild tiger from another?

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• What large animals does a Siberian tiger hunt?

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4. Exit ticket.

One thing I learned: _____

One thing I still wonder: _____

ADJUST IT
Grades K–2: talk and draw instead of writing; read the questions aloud. **Grades 6–8:** add evidence from the fact sheet and the animal page to every answer.

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