MEET THEM AT PLUMPTON PARK ZOO

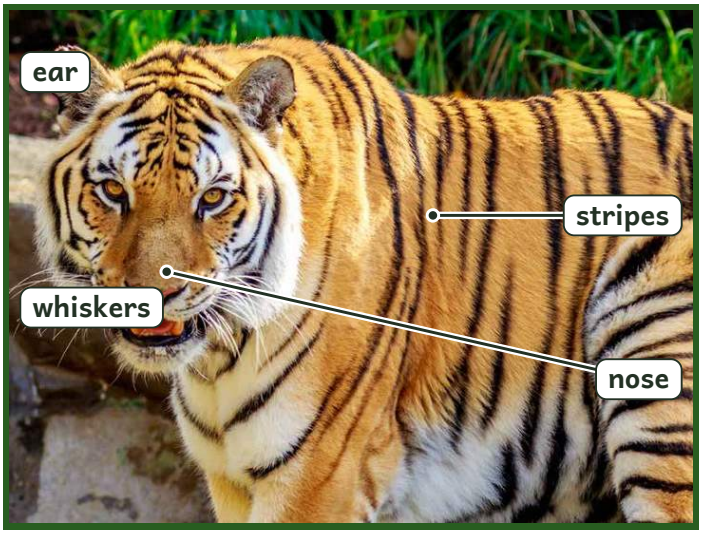
SIBERIAN TIGER

Panthera tigris altaica

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.



A tiger at our zoo.

Its body

It is the biggest cat in the world.
It has fewer stripes than most.
A male can be about 10 feet long.

Its home (habitat)

It lives in Russia and China.
It lives in forests.
This kind is **endangered**.
Laws protect all tigers.
Alexis and Miracle are part Siberian.



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

Its food

It hunts deer, elk and wild boar.

Its babies (life cycle)

A baby tiger is a **cub**.
A mother usually has 2 to 4 cubs.
She raises them alone.
They stay about 2 years.

Fun facts

No 2 tigers have the same stripes.
A soft snort is a friendly hello!
It swims across rivers.

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. How do tigers say hello?
3. Who raises the cubs?

Learn more: plumptonparkzoo.org/mammals/tiger/ · **Sources:** Smithsonian's National Zoo
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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. It is the biggest cat. **YES** **NO**
2. Tigers cannot swim. **YES** **NO**
3. A baby tiger is a cub. **YES** **NO**
4. All tigers have the same stripes. **YES** **NO**

At the zoo · with a partner

Check each one you see.

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

What is it doing? Circle one.

walking · resting · swimming

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 siberian 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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