Ten cat facts

Which cat weighs as much as a motorbike? Watch this video to learn this and other fascinating facts about different kinds of cats.

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–f) with the vocabulary (1–6).

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<th>Vocabulary</th>
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<td>1. ...... a paw</td>
<td>a. to drink using your tongue</td>
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<td>2. ...... prey</td>
<td>b. strange</td>
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<td>3. ...... rare</td>
<td>c. a person that is good at sport</td>
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<td>4. ...... an athlete</td>
<td>d. the sound a cat makes when it is content</td>
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<td>5. ...... to lap up</td>
<td>e. a cat</td>
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<td>6. ...... a feline</td>
<td>f. an animal’s foot</td>
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<td>7. ...... mysterious</td>
<td>g. not common</td>
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<td>8. ...... a purr</td>
<td>h. an animal that is hunted and killed by another animal for food</td>
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Task 1

Are the sentences true or false?

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<td>The biggest cat in the world is the Siberian tiger.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>The eyes of a caracal are controlled by 20 muscles allowing them to pinpoint their prey.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>The lion has the loudest roar.</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Snow leopards can jump 9 metres high and 15 metres in length.</td>
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<td>Cats have a toothbrush on their tongue, comb-like structures called keratinised papillae.</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>The clouded leopard has the biggest teeth of any cat relative to its size.</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>The Amur leopard is the rarest cat in the world.</td>
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<td>The black panther is a type of cat.</td>
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Task 2
Put the words in order to make sentences.

1. to prey. catch Cheetahs sprint

2. metres Siberian tigers measure 3.15 length. in

3. antennae. as act The tufts of fur on a caracal’s ears

4. A lion’s roar can be heard up to away. kilometres eight

5. nine high. Snow leopards can jump up to metres

6. body length! That’s six their times

7. in left There are fewer than 35 Amur leopards the wild.

8. to This is loss of habitat. owing

Discussion
What other facts about cats do you know?
Answers

Preparation task
1. f
2. h
3. g
4. c
5. a
6. e
7. b
8. d

Task 1
1. True
2. False
3. True
4. True
5. False
6. True
7. True
8. False

Task 2
1. Cheetahs sprint to catch prey.
2. Siberian tigers measure 3.15 metres in length.
3. The tufts of fur on a caracal’s ears act as antennae.
4. A lion’s roar can be heard up to eight kilometres away.
5. Snow leopards can jump up to nine metres high.
6. That’s six times their body length!
7. There are fewer than 35 Amur leopards left in the wild.
8. This is owing to loss of habitat.