

English

**LO: To identify features of an
information text.**

(Read as a writer)

Lesson 7 of 10

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Introduction

Hi everyone. My name is Dr Katushka and I know all about cats: big ones, small ones and even medium sized ones. And today I am going to tell you all about the biggest cat of them all. Do you know which cat that is? Let me tell you: it's not the puma, it's not the lion ..., it's the tiger!

Today I will explain what they look like, what they do, and why we need to look after our tigers.



Identification

First, what do tigers look like?

Tigers are big cats. A large male can be more than 3 meters long including the tail. That's about twice as long as me and maybe 4 times as long as you!

What colour is a tiger? Most tigers are orange, but some are gold or white. White tigers are usually found in zoos rather than in the wild.

Then you have the stripes: most tigers are striped so that they can hide better in long grass, This is where they wait for something to hunt. Some tigers have more than 100 stripes.



Habitat and Diet

Second, what do tigers do?

Tigers are hunters. They often sleep in the day and go hunting at night when it is easier to hide from their prey. Their sharp claws and long teeth help them catch and eat the animals they hunt. Their strong legs mean they can run very fast and so catch their prey more easily. Some tigers can reach 60 km/hr when running.

Also, some tigers can swim! Most cats don't like swimming but tigers love it. Some tigers have been known to swim more than 6 km in one go. When they are too hot, they like to cool off in lakes and rivers.



Conservation

Finally, why do we need to look after tigers?

Today, there are only about 4,000 tigers left in the whole world. This is because, all over the world, people kill tigers in order to sell their skins.

If we don't do something about it then, in the future, there might be no tigers left in the wild anywhere. I think that would be so sad. I love tigers and it is a wonderful thing to see them out there in nature.

Some countries have created special places called nature reserves where the tigers can live without being hunted. This helps keep the tigers alive.



Ending

So, if you want to help save the tiger then you can do 2 things.

First, never buy a tiger skin or anything that comes from a tiger. It only encourages people to kill them. Second, if you join one of the charities that helps tigers, like the World Wildlife Fund, this helps run nature reserves where the tigers can be safe.

That's it, That's my tiger talk. I hope now you, like me, will be a friend of the tiger.

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