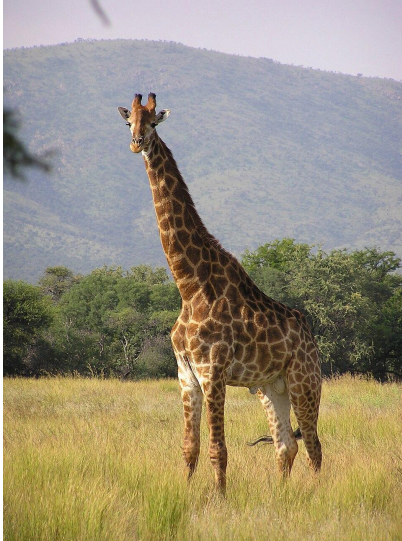


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Giraffes have many structures that help them survive in the savanna. Their tall height, long tongues, and strong horns are just some of the structures that help them in the wild. Imagine if giraffes were the shortest animal in the world? They would not be able to live very long!

Giraffes are the tallest living animal in the world. Their necks can reach a height of more than 18 feet. According to the text, "giraffes have a short body and their legs and neck are very long." Giraffes use their long necks and their height to reach the leaves on the tops of trees. They are able to eat food that other animals cannot reach. It's amazing to think about how tall giraffes really are!

Giraffes tongues are more than 18 inches long. Their tongues make it easy to reach the highest leaf on the tree top. In the text it states "giraffes are plant eaters. They can reach the leaves at the top of trees, but they do not eat grass." Even if the giraffe's head cannot reach what they want to eat, their tongue is so long that it can do the job. For sure, giraffe tongues are one of the longest animal tongues out there.

Have you ever wondered what the horns on top of a giraffe's head are used for? Only male giraffes have horns on their heads. They use them as weapons to defend themselves when they are in a fight. The text states, "a giraffe has two horns on its head. Males use them to fight other males." The horns are ossicones.

As you can see, giraffes have many adaptations and structures that help them survive in their environment. If they didn't have height, long tongues and horns, they would definitely not be able to live that long.

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