

Big Cats

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Triangles – Do 7 requirements.

Circles – Do 9 requirements.

Rectangles – Do all requirements.

Big Cats, in one form or another, can be found every where if you look for the signs. Just because you see the signs of a Big Cat does not mean that you need to be afraid. If you make a few changes to your landscape and changing the way you do things you can reduce your chances of having unwanted wild visitors.

Big Cats are found all over the world.

Lions are found in parts of sub-Saharan Africa. A very small population of Asian Lions in the India's Gir Forest.

Tigers range from Siberia's temperate forests to subtropical and tropical forests on the Indian subcontinent and Sumatra.

Jaguars are found in significant numbers in remote regions of South and Central America — particularly in the Amazon Basin.

Cougar's can be found from the Canadian Yukon to the southern Andes of South America. It has the widest area of habitat of the large wild terrestrial mammals in the Western Hemisphere. The Cougar can be found in most American habitats and it is the biggest cat in North America.

Cheetahs are currently confined to parts of eastern, central and southwestern Africa and a small portion of Iran.

1. Can you name the five families of Big Cats?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

What are the characteristics of each family? How are they similar? How are they different? Why is it important to have them divided by the five different families?

2. All cats:

- a. have retractable claws.
- b. are carnivore.
- c. are agile.
- d. pounce.

What does that mean? Why is it important information?

3. Match the Big Cats with their names.

Cougar

Jaguar

Tiger

Leopard

Lion



a. _____



b. _____



c. _____



d. _____



e. _____

What visual similarities can you see? What visual differences can you see? Why are these differences and similarities important?

4. True or False. House Cats are related to Tigers? When were house cats domesticated? Why did we domesticate cats?

5. Which of these Big Cats is the fastest land animal?

- a. Lion
- b. Cheetah
- c. Leopard
- d. Puma

How fast can the fastest Big Cat run? Do they have special muscles or additional muscles that make them run faster? Why is it important for Big Cats to be able to run fast?

6. When Big Cats are babies, what are they called?

- a. Chicks
- b. Foals
- c. Cubs
- d. Pups

How do the mothers take care of their babies? How many babies does a mother have at once? How long is her gestation and how often do they have babies?

7. True or False. Lions and Tigers share their habitats with each other? What kinds of habitats do lions and tigers have? What about the other Big Cats? Why are there habitats important? Is there any outside forces that are affecting Big Cat habitats?
8. True or False. All Lions have manes? Why are manes important? What do the provide to the lion?
9. Visit a Big Cat sanctuary.
10. What health issues do Big Cats face? What are the most common health issues? White Tigers are beautiful but why are they upsetting to the Big Cat communities and what health issues do they face?
11. Which of these Big Cats is the largest in the world?
 - a. Tiger
 - b. Lion
 - c. Leopard
 - d. Cheetah

How big is the largest Big Cat in the world? Why are Big Cats so big and why is it important for them to be so big?

12. Solve the Word Search below.

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M J A G U A R S R O N B F P Q
E K I L A S W R T Y O S S O E
T X W E F Y P E Z E I H N A H
S I T O G E G G G R T A U C A
Y R T P H A X I I P A T D H S
S M N A A S V T B B V E I I R
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C O T D I A S D R E E H C G M
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AFGHANISTAN
AFRICA
AMERICA
ASIA
BHUTAN
BIG
CARNIVORE
CATS
CHEETAHS
CONSERVATION
ECOSYSTEM
ENDANGERED
JAGUARS
POACHING
PREY
RAIN

RUSSIA
SANCTUARY
SOUTH
SPOTS
SWIMMERS
TIGERS
WILDLIFE