

# african elephant

## Where They Live

In grassy savannas  
(Central and Southern  
Africa)

## How They Live

Adult males live alone.  
Adult females and babies  
live in groups of about  
15, called herds.

## What They Eat

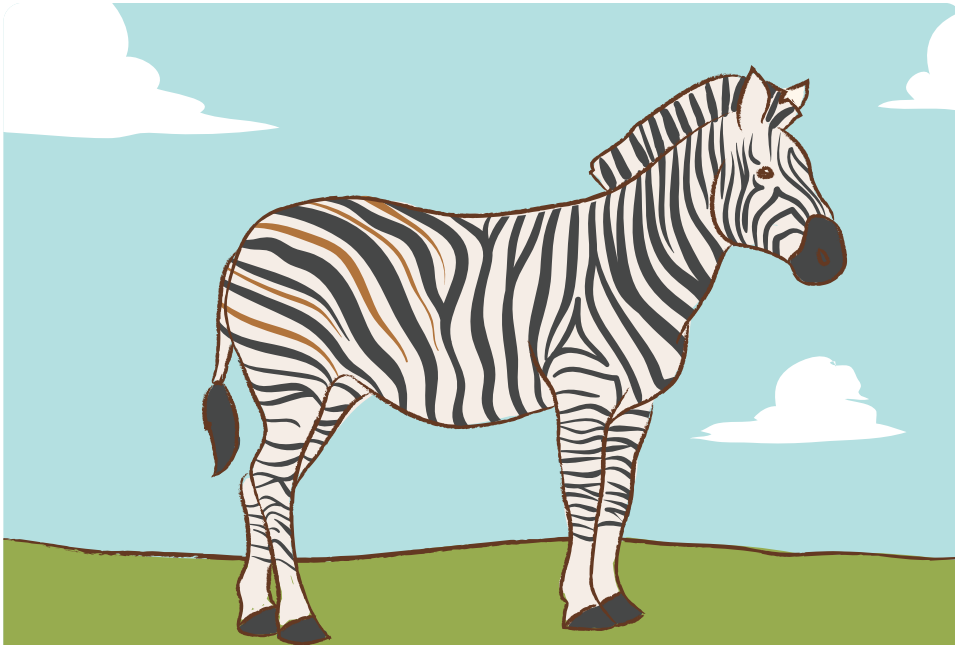
Roots, grasses,  
fruit, and bark

## Did You Know?

Elephants are the biggest land animals in the world.  
They have big appetites! Adults need more than 300 pounds  
of food and 30 gallons of water each day.

Elephants use their long trunks to put food and water in their  
mouths. Elephant trunks are strong enough to push over a tree  
and agile enough to pick a single blade of grass.

Elephants sometimes greet each other by touching  
each other's trunks. It looks like they are holding hands!  
Can you draw two elephants saying hello?



# zebra

## Where They Live

In grassy savannas  
(Eastern and  
Southern Africa)

## How They Live

Typically in small family  
groups, but sometimes they  
join to form large herds of  
hundreds of animals

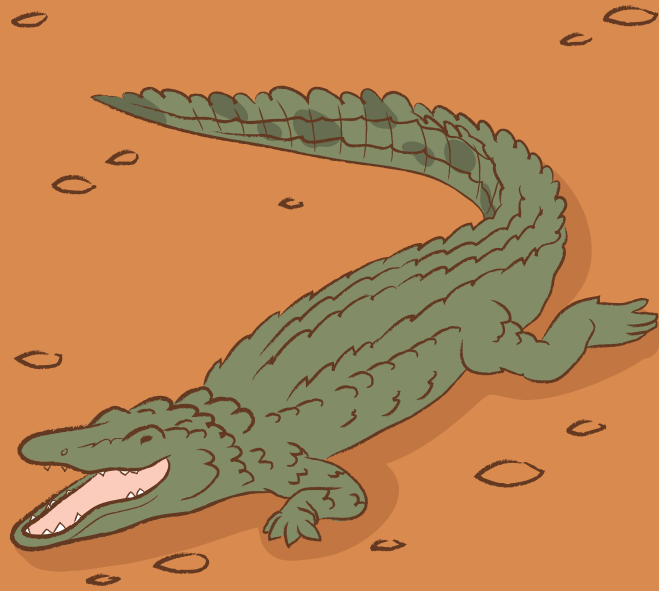
## What They Eat

Grass

## Did You Know?

A zebra's stripes blend in with other zebras' stripes.  
It's difficult for a hunting lion to pick just one zebra out  
of a herd. No two zebras have the same pattern of stripes.  
They are hunted by lions, leopards, and hyenas.

If you want to know how a zebra is feeling, look at its ears. When a zebra is happy, its ears stand straight up in the air. When it is scared, its ears are pushed forward. If a zebra is angry, its ears are pulled backward. Can you draw an angry zebra? How about a happy one?



# nile crocodile

## Where They Live

In rivers, lakes, and marshes (Eastern, Central, and Southern Africa)

## How They Live

In groups called basks

## What They Eat

Fish, turtles, frogs, birds, and anything else they can catch

## Did You Know?

Crocodiles have the strongest bite of any animal in the world. They are fierce hunters and will attack many animals, including zebras, small hippos, and even other crocodiles. But Nile crocodiles are caring parents and will gently roll their eggs in their mouths to help their babies hatch.

Crocodile babies hatch from eggs and are called hatchlings. A mother crocodile will sometimes carry her hatchlings on her back to keep them safe. Can you draw a mother and baby crocodile?



# ostrich

## Where They Live

In savannas and desert lands (Central and Southern Africa)

## How They Live

In small groups of about 10, called herds

## What They Eat

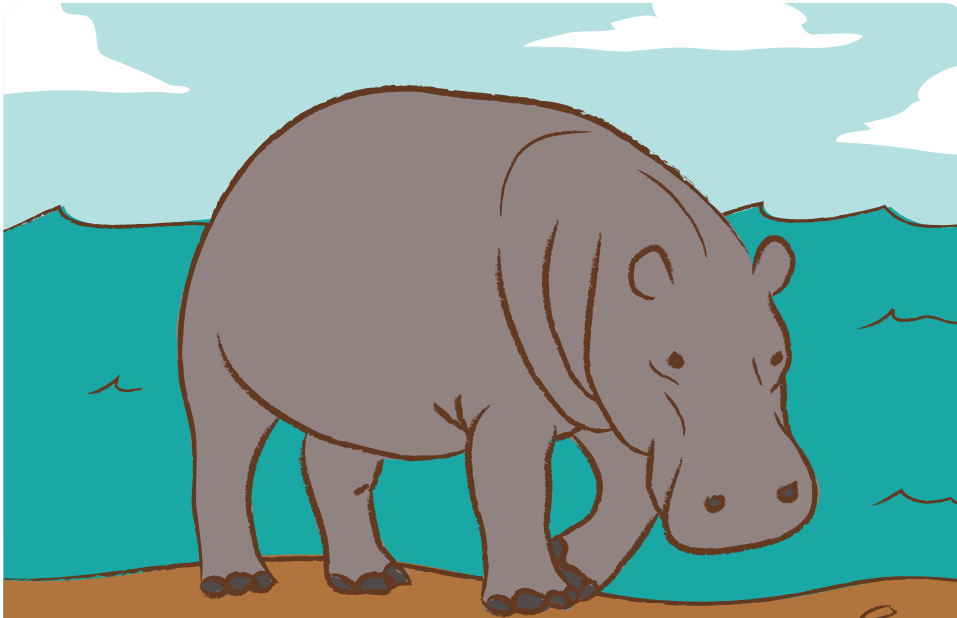
Mostly plants, seeds and fruit; sometimes insects and lizards

## Did You Know?

Ostriches are the largest and heaviest birds in the world. Although they cannot fly, they are fast runners.

The ostrich has the largest eggs of any bird. An ostrich egg weighs about 3 pounds, which is as much as 24 chicken eggs!

An ostrich makes its nest by digging into the dirt. It's so large that three five-year-old kids could lie down in it from end-to-end. Each nest holds about 20 eggs. Can you draw a giant ostrich nest full of eggs?



# hippopotamus

## Where They Live

In rivers, lakes, and swamps (Central and Southern Africa)

## How They Live

In groups of about 20, called herds or bloats

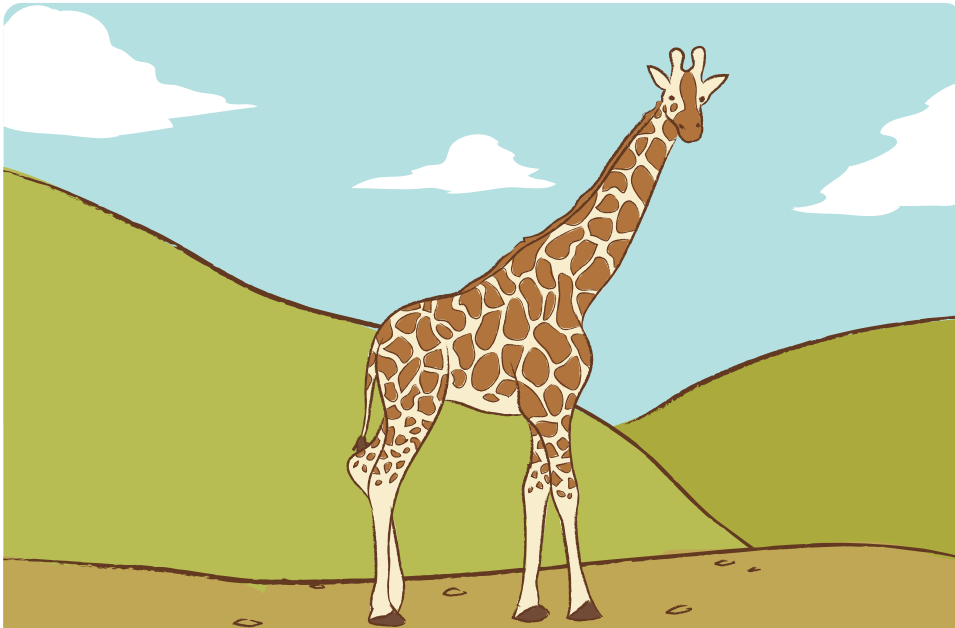
## What They Eat

Short grasses that grow near the water

## Did You Know?

To keep cool, hippos stay in the water all day. But their bodies are so dense, they can't swim or float! Instead, they walk underwater or use their feet to push off the bottom and bounce along.

Baby hippos are sometimes born underwater. The baby is much smaller than its mother, but still huge - 10 times bigger than a human baby! Can you draw a mother and baby hippo in the water?



# giraffe

## Where They Live

In woodland savannas (parts of Africa, south of the Sahara)

## How They Live

In small groups of about 6, called herds or towers

## What They Eat

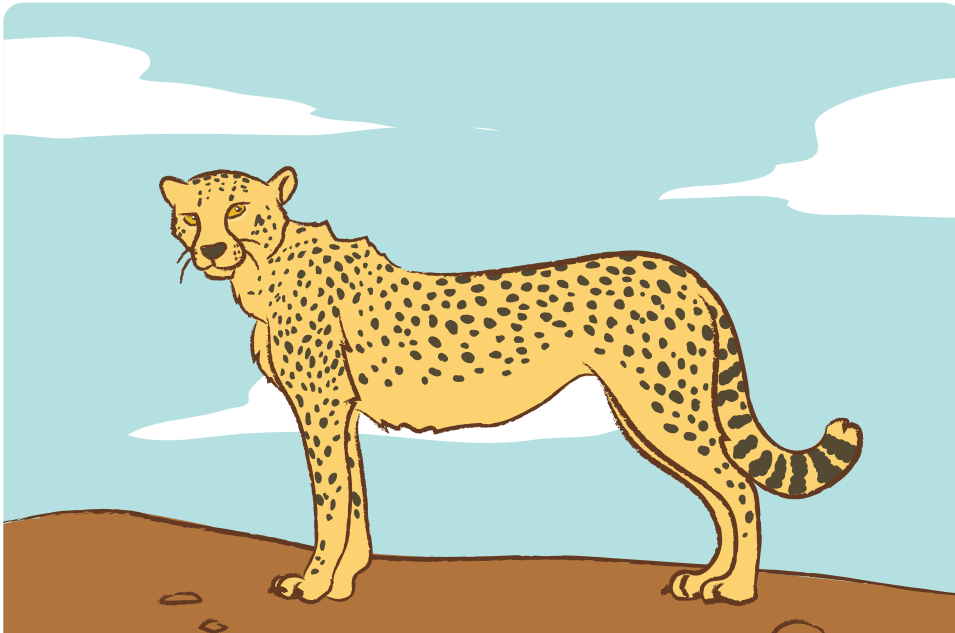
Leaves and buds from thorned trees

## Did You Know?

No two giraffes have the same pattern of dark patches on their coats. The pattern provides camouflage to make it harder for enemies to see.

Giraffes use their tongues to pick leaves from trees and eat them. Their tongues are blue-black in color and are nearly one-and-a-half feet long. They are so long that a giraffe can use its tongue to clean the inside of its nose!

Giraffes are the world's tallest animals. They can grow up to 20 feet tall! How tall are you? Can you draw yourself standing next to a giraffe?



# cheetah

<b>Where They Live</b> In grasslands and open plains (parts of Africa, south of the Sahara)	<b>How They Live</b> Cheetahs live and hunt alone.	<b>What They Eat</b> Many animals, including gazelles, impalas, and springboks
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**Did You Know?**

Cheetahs are the fastest land animals in the world. They use their speed to catch their prey, which is what they eat. Cheetahs are sneaky hunters because they have spots which help hide them in the grass.

Cheetahs belong to the cat family, along with lions, tigers, and small house cats.

Cheetahs can run up to 75 miles per hour. That's faster than a car driving on a highway! Can you draw a cheetah racing a car?

