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Activity Sheet 1a

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Comprehension- Giraffes (pg 29-35)

A) Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. ' We should allow giraffes to roam freely in the zoo as they are harmless and gentle.'
Do you agree with this statement? Why/ Why not?

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2. How do giraffes maintain balance when they are galloping across the savannah?

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3. State 2 ways a giraffe's tongue is different from other mammals.

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4. What are 2 advantages of having a long neck for a giraffe?

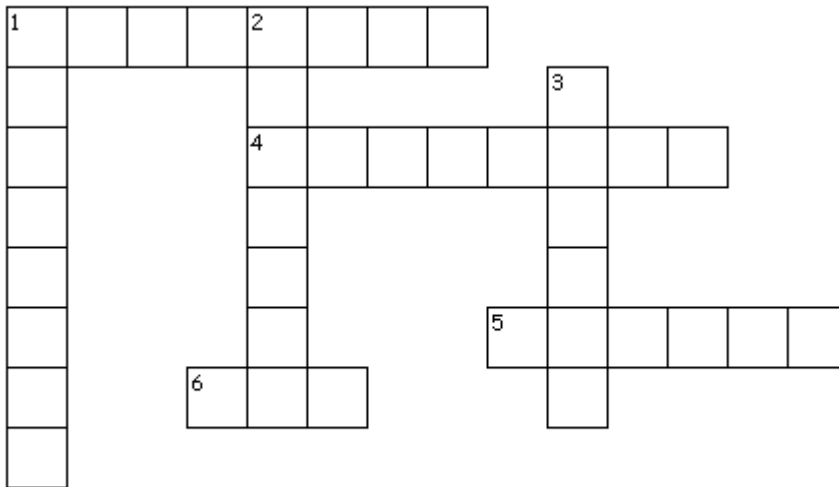
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5. State 2 ways in which a cow is similar to a cow.

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Activity 1b- Vocabulary

The answers can be found in the story. Can you solve the puzzle? Have fun!



Across

1. a tiny animal that lives inside a larger animal to get food from it.
4. to bring food back from the stomach into the mouth to chew again
5. moves unsteadily from side to side
6. small drops of water that form during the night

Down

1. an animal that kills and eat other animals
2. to manage to live despite difficult situations
3. to run very fast with 4 legs off the ground

Answer Key

Comprehension and Vocabulary

1. I disagree with the statement. Although giraffes appear gentle and harmless, they are not. The male giraffes attack one another using their heads and legs, so it can be dangerous, especially when children are around.
2. They use their necks to maintain balance by swaying backwards and forwards.
3. Firstly, the giraffe's tongue is very long at about 45cm. Secondly, it is able to pull out the leaves of acacia trees one by one without being poked by the sharp edges.
4. Because of its long neck, a giraffe is able to reach for leaves 5 metres above ground.
5. Both of them chew their food before swallowing it. This is followed by regurgitating the food and chewing it again. Both of the animals also have several pockets in their stomach and a long intestine to help them digest food.

Vocabulary

Across: 1) parasite 4) ruminant 5) wobble 6) dew

Down: 1) predator 2) survive 3) gallop