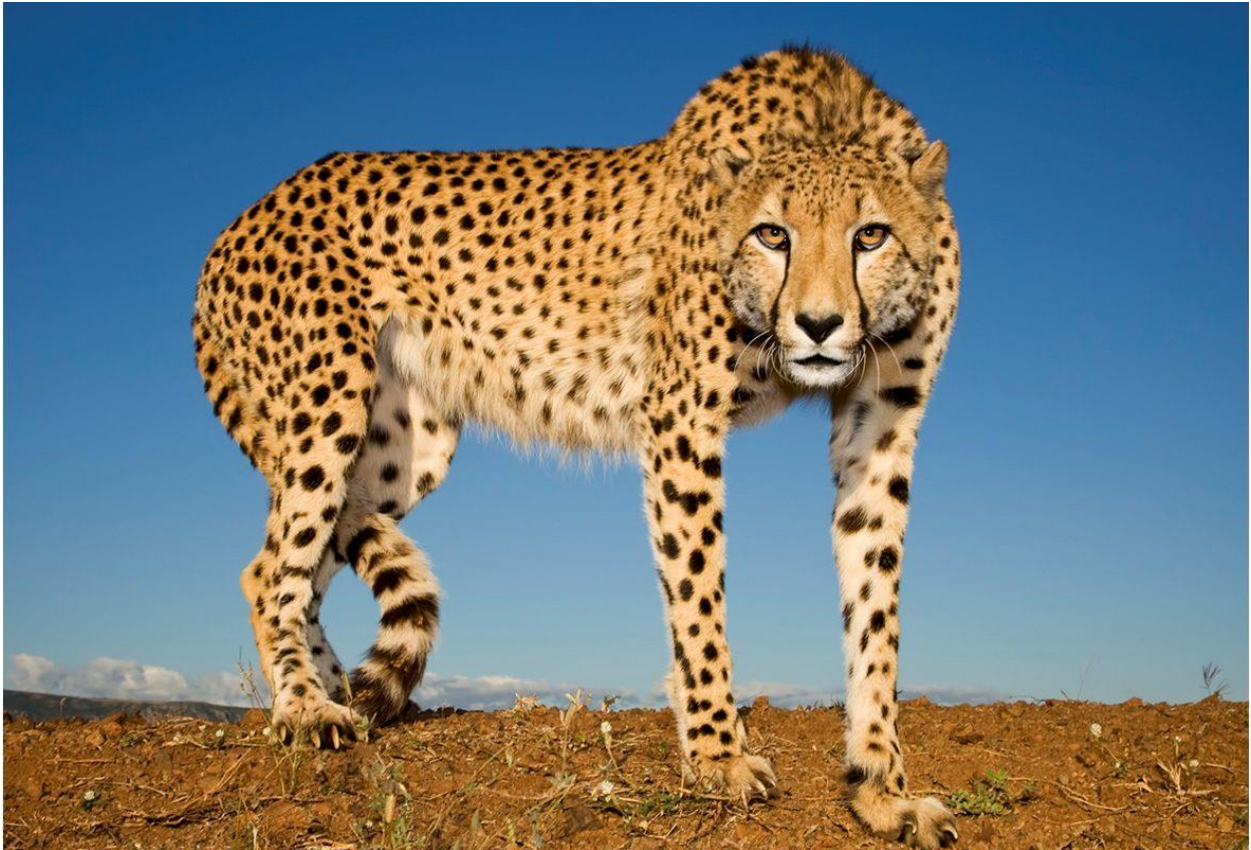


# Primary Worksheets: Cheetah

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The cheetah is a large cat and is known for being the fastest of all the land animals. It is faster than most sports cars, accelerating to 60 miles per hour in under 4 seconds. Cheetahs have a short tan coat that has black spots which helps them to camouflage.

Cheetahs are found in a number of different habitats. They like to live in open areas of land. They can be found in Africa, but there are also a small population of cheetahs in the country of Iran.



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Female cheetahs hunt alone but may hunt with their own cubs. Male cheetahs will often group together in groups called coalitions. They usually group with their brothers but can group with other groups.

Cheetahs eat most small to medium sized mammals such as hares and gazelles. They hunt at dusk or dawn by using their sight. They will sneak up as close as they can to their prey, and then use their fast speed to catch them.

They will eat their meal as quickly as possible before any invaders like lions come and take it from them. Cheetahs tend to flee from bigger or larger groups of animals.

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Cheetah cubs are born with all the spots they will have for their life. The spots are tiny and are very close together, giving them a darker, grey colour fur.

Cheetah cubs have a long, silver strip of fur, called a mantle that runs down their back. This fur helps protect them from bad weather and camouflages them in grass, so predators can't see them.

A mother protects her cubs by moving them around to different places, making it difficult for other animals to find them. They will drink the mother's milk until they are 6 – 8 weeks old.

The cheetahs today in danger of being extinct. Loss of habitat and less prey threatens the future of them. Their fur is also used to make coats.



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Answer the questions.

What is a cheetah?

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How fast are they?

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What do they look like?

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Answer the questions.

How do they hunt?

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What do cheetah cubs look like?

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Why are they facing extinction?

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