

LIONS:

KINGS...OR NOT?

Since ancient times, the size and strength of lions have so impressed people that these big cats became known as the "king of the jungle." But lions don't live in the jungle. They live on the grasslands of Africa known as *savannahs*.

Big Cats

Lions are one of the world's largest cats. A full-grown male lion can weigh from $\blacktriangle\blacktriangle\blacktriangle$ to $\blacklozenge\blacklozenge\blacklozenge$ pounds. The average human male weighs about $\clubsuit\spadesuit\blacklozenge$ pounds.

Meet the Family

A lion family group, called a **pride**, can have 4 to 10 female lions, their young and one adult male. Young lions are called $\blacklozenge\clubsuit\spadesuit\blacklozenge$.

A Grrrrreat Roar!

Male lions roar to tell other lions to stay out of their territory. A pride doesn't like strange lions in its territory. A lion's roar can be heard as far as \blacklozenge miles (\blacklozenge km) away!

Use the lion code to find the missing numbers and letters above.

LION CODE

\blacklozenge = 0	\blacklozenge = 8
\clubsuit = 1	\spadesuit = B
\blacktriangle = 3	\blacklozenge = C
\blacklozenge = 5	\blacksquare = S
\spadesuit = 6	\clubsuit = U

Male lions have long hair on their heads called a **mane**.

Can you find your way through the Mane Maze?



How many paw prints can you find on this page?

LION LIE DETECTOR

After reaching each statement about lions below, do each math problem. If your answer is an even number, that statement is **TRUE**. If the answer is an odd number, the statement is **FALSE**.

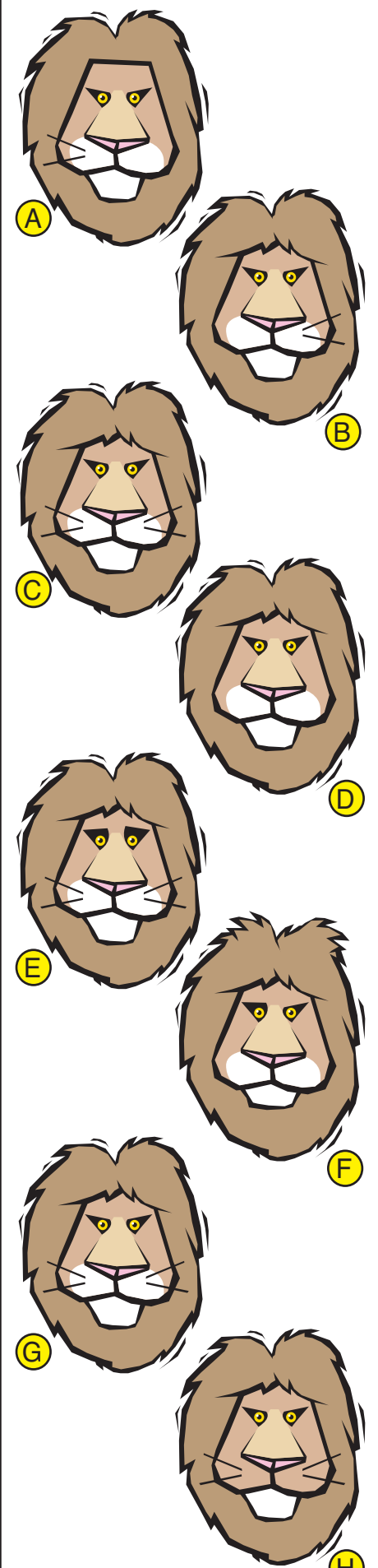
Lion cubs have spots.
 $12 + 4 =$

In the wild, lions can go a week without eating.
 $9 + 9 =$

Lions have five legs.
 $5 + 8 =$

Lions are herbivores.
 $17 - 6 =$

A full-grown lion can eat 75 pounds of meat at one time.
 $14 + 6 =$



ANSWER: C & G

Kid Scoo-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **PRIDE** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

E	D	I	R	P
			P	
		P		
	P			
P				R

Extra! Extra!

Word Family Pride

Groups of one-syllable words that have the same vowel sound can be called a **word family**. For example, **at, cat, bat, fat, hat** and **sat** would be a word family.

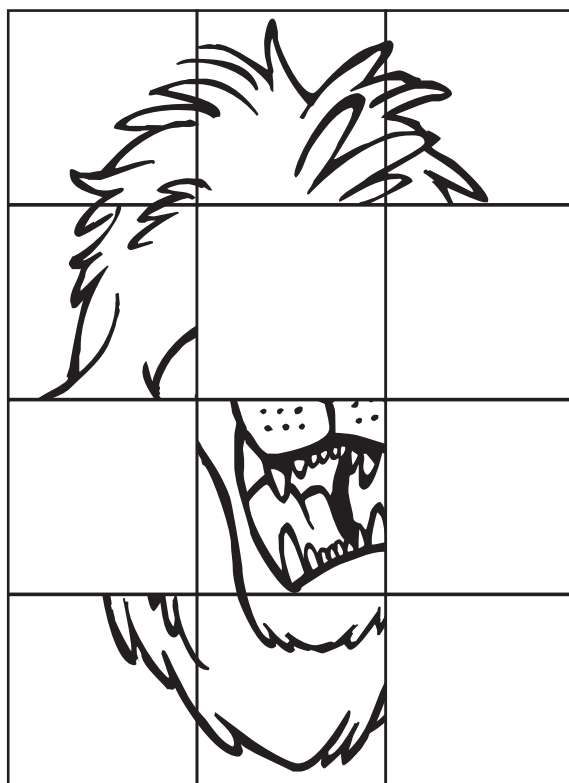
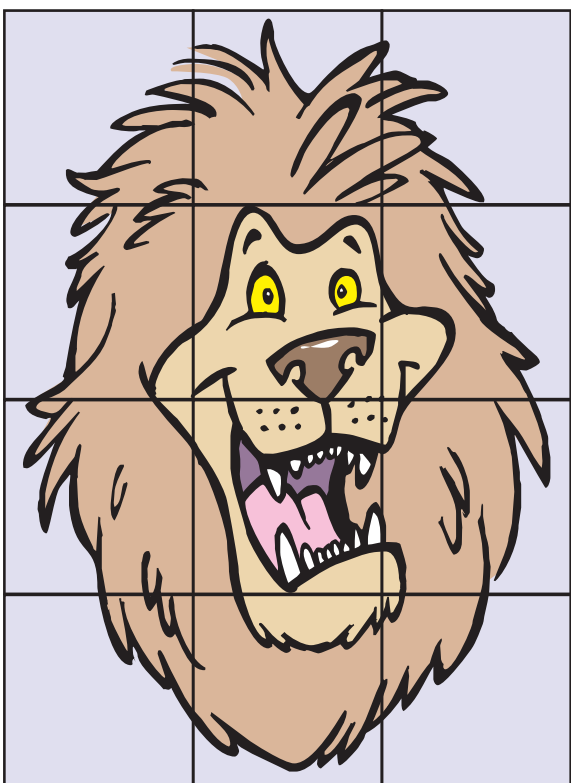
Look through the newspaper for words in a word family. Use letters to spell words you can't find. Put the words in ABC order.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Change target sounds to change words; Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetic order.

Open Wide

A lion's teeth are made for eating meat. They have four pointed canine teeth that they use to kill prey and to tear off bites to eat. They have no molars or teeth for chewing. They swallow bites of food whole!

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have different structures that serve different functions in growth.



Use the grid to help you complete the drawing of the lion above. Then color it!

Hide and Seek

Lion cubs are easy prey for other carnivores. A special camouflage helps to keep them safe. The golden tan of the cub's fur and the dark brown of the spots blend in with the light and shadow of the grassy savannah.

How many lion cubs can you find hiding in the grass?



Standards Link: Grammar: Recognize verbs in writing; differentiate between parts of speech.

Double Double Word Search

- PRIDE
- ROAR
- LIONS
- CANINE
- WHOLE
- SAVANNAH
- MEAT
- TERRITORY
- GRASSY
- BITES
- MANE
- PREY
- FEMALE
- WILD
- TEETH

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

Y	M	T	B	L	T	F	Z	W	U
R	G	P	E	I	L	E	T	H	O
O	W	R	N	O	F	J	A	O	E
T	I	C	A	N	I	N	E	L	L
I	L	T	M	S	N	H	M	E	A
R	D	A	E	A	S	Y	V	D	M
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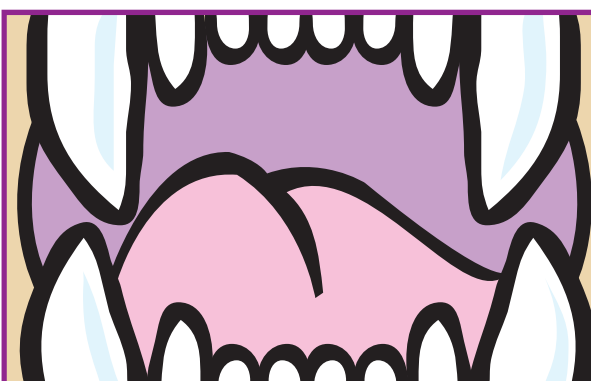
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Lion Language

Look through the newspaper and find 10 or more words that describe lions. Write a paragraph or a poem about lions using these words.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write descriptions that use details to write uniform impressions of things.



Why do lions eat raw meat?

ANSWER: Because they don't know how to cook!

Write On!

The Lion's Tale

Write a story about a lion. It can be about a sad lion or a happy lion, a brave lion or a cowardly lion. You decide!