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**Kid Scoop Together:**  
**How to Draw a Tiger**

# How Tigers Got Their Stripes

A Folktale from Vietnam

Make a tiny story book and read it to a friend or little sister or brother!

## HOW TO MAKE A TINY STORY BOOK

1. Number each part of the story and each picture in order. Cut them all out.
2. Match the words with the pictures in the correct order.
3. Paste each set of matching words and picture on a small piece of construction paper to make nine individual pages.
4. Draw a cover and staple the pages together to make a tiny book.

○ The other animals thought the stripes looked funny. Even today Tiger hides in the shadows. And he is still searching for wisdom.

○ One morning, Tiger saw his big, strong friend, Water Buffalo, pulling a plow in a field. A man was telling Water Buffalo what to do.

○ Tiger realized that he'd been tricked. He was furious as he pulled and clawed until he broke free of the ropes at last. But all that struggling had burned stripes into his beautiful golden fur!

○ Long ago, Tiger was one of the proudest animals in the jungle. He was proud of his long fangs, his sharp claws and his beautiful golden fur.

○ Tiger asked Water Buffalo, "Why do you listen to that strange little animal? He has no claws or fangs or even beautiful golden fur."

○ Tiger wanted wisdom very badly, so he agreed to be tied to the tree. Then the man left with his goats. Tiger waited and waited. He waited for a day. But the man never came back.

○ The man said, "Wait here. I will go home and get wisdom for you. But first, please let me tie you to this tree so that you don't eat my goats."

○ The next morning, Tiger saw the man walking home with his herd of goats. "STOP!" Tiger roared. "Give me your wisdom or I will eat you!"

○ Water Buffalo replied, "Tiger, that animal is a human. He does not need claws or fangs. Humans have **wisdom**." Tiger thought to himself, "Wow! I must get wisdom!"

### Let's Talk!

Which character in this folktale was wise? Why do you think that? Talk about it with a family member.

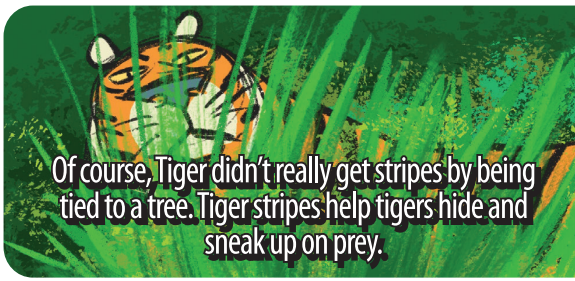
### Extra! Extra! Wisdom Words

Think of a phrase that you think is wise. For example, "Treat others as you would want people to treat you." Look through the newspaper to find and cut out the words that make this sentence. Glue the words onto a piece of paper to remind you of this piece of wisdom.

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

## What is a folktale?

*How Tiger Got Its Stripes* is a folktale from Vietnam. Folktales are stories that get passed from generation to generation. They can change as different people tell them over time. As such, they are created by "the folk," or the people. Long ago, these tales were spoken and never written down.



Of course, Tiger didn't really get stripes by being tied to a tree. Tiger stripes help tigers hide and sneak up on prey.

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## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### Famous Folktales

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Fill in the missing vowels to discover the names of other folktales you probably have read or heard.

Have you read these? If not, look for them at your local library. Have a family folktale theater night! Make puppets of the characters and perform a show of the folktale, or just act out the parts with your family members.

## Double Double Word Search

- FOLKTALE
- SHADOWS
- VIETNAM
- BUFFALO
- STRIPES
- WISDOM
- SPOKEN
- TIGER
- WATER
- ROPES
- GOATS
- CLAWS
- TREE
- TALE
- FUR

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

S O S W A L C E A R  
E L C R A H I S N S  
L A U G O T E F O P  
A F G W R P E W T O  
T F O T I G E R A K  
K U A R I S E S L E  
L B T S D E D O E N  
O S S S H A D O W S  
F M V I E T N A M S

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:  
**WISDOM**

The noun **wisdom** means the ability and quality of having knowledge.

Kayla gained **wisdom** from reading many books.

Try to use the word **wisdom** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Good News Headline

Read newspaper headlines to see how they are written. Think of some good news you would like to see as a headline. Write a headline for one or more good news articles.

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



## Write On!

### My Favorite Animal

What is your favorite animal? Write three facts and three opinions about your favorite animal.