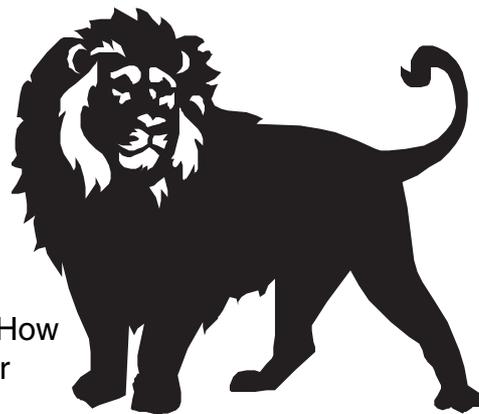




SOLO Wildlife

Lion



The lion is a 'protected' animal in parts of Africa. What does this mean? Why are some animals protected and others not? Are there any protected animals in your part of the country? What are they and why are they being protected?

Pages 6, 7 and 8 give you some measurements for a lion. How tall are you from your shoulder to the ground? Are you taller than a lion? Are others in your group/class taller or shorter than a lion? How much do you weigh? How much lighter than the lion are you? How many of your group/class are needed to balance a lion?

Repeat the above tasks using the measurements for a lioness.

Research some reasons that might help to explain why lions don't live as long as lionesses.

How tall are the prey animals on pages 24 and 25? Are they taller or shorter than the lionesses who hunt them?

Lions have 30 teeth. How many do you have? Find out about the different shaped teeth you have and how they are used.

There are 24 pictures on pages 38 and 39 showing the 24 hours in a lion's day. Choose a day and draw a picture of what you are doing for each hour of that day.

Read pages 42 to 51 carefully, thinking about the life of a lion cub. Write three good things and three dangerous things about being a lion cub.

Make a diorama of the habitat of a pride of lions. Use the information in the book to help you decide what needs to be included.

If you have access to the Internet, use some keywords to search for information on lions. www.zoo.org may still be available, but there are sure to be lots of others.

Many zoos have lions and lionesses in them. Find out what is done to make these animals feel comfortable in their cages or enclosures. How are the animals fed and cared for?

There are other members of the cat family. Some are listed on pages 4 and 5. Add to the list and find out if any are protected and why.