

## Can I answer comprehension questions about tigers?

- 1) What is the Latin name for a tiger? **Panthera Tigris**

The following questions are about the introduction:

- 2) What word/phrase suggests tigers are towards the top of the food chain? **Humans are the tiger's only serious predator**
- 3) How do the phrases 'poaching for fur' and 'destruction of habitats' aim to make the reader feel? Can you suggest alternate phrases to cause a less extreme feeling? **E.g Feeling anger towards those who are harming tigers or feeling sympathy for the tigers. 'killing tigers' and 'the reduction of habitats'**
- 4) How does the author engage the reader? **'largest and most powerful of all living...'**

The following questions are about the Physical Traits section:

- 5) If a tiger's stripes are for camouflage why are they bright orange? **Few large animals have colour vision so most of their prey cannot see the orange instead they see the shades of grey stripes which blend into the environment.**
- 6) How can individual tigers be identified? **By their unique pattern of stripes**
- 7) Why do tigers have such large and long canines? **They prey on large herbivores whose bones are thick and large. Their canines have to be strong enough to break the bones of their prey.**

The following questions are about the Hunting Methods section:

- 8) Which word suggests other cats unaware they are being stalked? **Ambush**
- 9) Why are tigers' forelimbs so massive and heavily muscled? **To allow them to hold tightly onto a prey and avoid being dislodged.**

The following questions are about the Biology and Ecology section:

- 10) Can you summarised in one sentence why adult tigers are mostly solitary? **Males do not like other males in their area and often fight.**
- 11) True or false no other species been known to take down a full-grown male elephant one-on-one? **True**

The following questions are about the Captivity section:

- 12) What impression do you get of how easy it is to train a tiger? **They are hard to train because they have to use intimidation, the tiger's spirit must be broken and they are often chained to their pedestals with ropes around their necks to choke them down.**
- 13) Does the author think zoos and aquariums are a good thing? Explain your answer with reference to the text. **e.g. No. They are designed with the needs and desires of the visitors in mind.**

The following questions are about the text as a whole:

- 14) What structures has the author used to make it easier on the reader? **E.g. Introduction, Subheadings**
- 15) What is the purpose of this text? **To persuade people how amazing and impressive tigers are.**
- 16) What was the most impressive fact you think a year 4 child would like from this text? **Must explain their choice.**