

Tigers Reading Comprehension

MONDAY

Reading Fluency

Read the text yourself and then get someone to read it with you. Each person reads a paragraph until you get to the end. Then repeat but this time reading the alternative paragraph.

Discuss the text and any words that you did not understand.

TUESDAY – Vocabulary

1. Write what you think the following words mean

Distinctive - **set apart or unusual**

Declined – **a drop or loss**

Stealthy – **acting in a secretive way, sneaky**

Pounce – **to jump or swoop down in order to grab something**

Fatal – **causing or able to cause death**

Habitat – **the natural environment of an animal**

2. What other words could the author have used instead of stalk?

Creep up on, follow, track down, go after, pursue, chase

WEDNESDAY – Retrieval

1. How many species of tiger currently exist? **5**
2. Name the species of tigers that are now extinct? **Caspian, Bali and Javan**
3. According to the text, how do tigers kill their prey? **They “pounce and land a fatal blow on the neck or back of the head”.**
4. The population of tigers is declining. True or False? **True**

Do cats like water? Use evidence from the text to explain your answer. **Most cats do not like water. We know this as it tells us that tigers “unlike most cats” like water, so tigers are unique in this! The rest of the cats in the cat family, e.g.leopard or domestic cats, do not like it**

5. Name two things that a tiger might eat. **wild pigs, buffalo, boars and weak/young elephants**

THURSDAY

1. What does the sentence 'every tiger is unique – no two tigers have the same pattern of stripes' tell us about tigers? **It tells us that all tigers have their own individual patterns on their fur and no two tigers are the same.**
2. Why are there so few tigers in the wild now? **There are two main reasons their numbers are declining. Firstly, they are being hunted. Secondly, their land is being taken over by humans who are building on it.**
3. "Tigers are solitary hunters, and generally search for food alone at night." What do you think the word 'solitary' means? **Solitary means alone/solo/by themselves/ only them/ single**
4. In the paragraph, "What do tigers prey on?" find and copy one word which is a synonym for 'deadly' **fatal**
5. Based on the article, what type of hunter is the tiger? Give two reasons for your opinion. **A tiger is a stealthy and precise hunter. It hunts by itself and is patient in waiting for the right moment to pounce on its prey. It is very powerful as it says it deliver fatal blow to its prey, so this shows he is strong and good at hunting.**
6. In this article, how can I learn more about tigers? **Click on the hyperlink / website/ going to the WWF website**
7. Which country has a tiger as its national animal? What do you think this tells us about what they think about tigers? **India has the tiger as its national animal. This tells us that they respect its power, beauty and think it is a special, unique animal worth celebrating.**
8. True or false?

	TRUE	FALSE
Every tiger is unique.	X	
Tigers live all over the world.		X
Siberian tigers are now extinct.		X
Tigers are excellent at jumping.	X	
A young elephant could feed a tiger for up to a week.	X	