

National Geographic Readers: Tigers

Second Reading: Text & Vocabulary

Because of the wealth of information in the text, there are many possible questions to discuss. Don't feel the need to ask your child each question. Choose the questions that interest your listener and you. As you know, the questions in a Practickle guide require higher-order thinking and the use of evidence from the text and photographs to support answers.

*Read the series of pages before you ask the questions.

*Try to keep your storytime to 20 minutes. If you are not done with the reading pick it up again another night.

Pages 4 – 5:

- Is a tiger bigger than a lion? How do you know?

Pages 6 – 7:

- Do you think a tiger could live in a desert? Discuss.
- Polar bears are the biggest bears. Why might bears and tigers living in cold places need to be bigger? Think of a couple of reasons.

Pages 8 – 9:

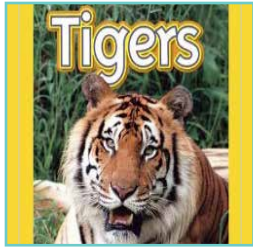
- Recall your ideas about how these body parts might help tigers hunt. Were you correct? Is any of this information new to you?

Page 11:

- **carnivore:** animals that eat meat. Are you a **carnivore**? Think of other animals that are **carnivores**.
- **hooved:** having a hoof (a hard covering encasing the foot of certain animals, like horses). Think of other **hooved** animals that a tiger might eat.

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- Recall your thought about what this tiger might be doing. Were you correct?



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Page 14 – 15:

- Could Siberian tigers and polar bears live in the same habitat? Why, or why not?
- Do you think tigers hunt during the day or the night? Use the information on these pages and the information on pages 8 and 9 to help you decide.
- Why might a tiger need to hear better than a human?

Pages 16 – 19:

- Why might mother tigers raise their cubs on their own?
- How do you think the tiger cubs get their meat?
- How do the games cubs play help them learn to hunt?

Pages 20 – 21:

- Why might tigers need to leap so far?

Page 22:

- **rare:** uncommon, unusual. Why might white tigers not be found in the wild?

Pages 24 – 27:

- Discuss the Tiger Terms on these pages.
- On page 27, what do you think the tiger might be seeing and thinking?

Page 29:

- Discuss what information you might share with people to encourage them to care about tigers.

Pages 30 – 31:

- Enjoy taking this quiz on tigers!