



Lions

What are lions?

Lions are 'big cats' and part of the feline family of animals. Most adult male lions have furry manes around their heads and weigh about 190kg. There are some male lions that don't have manes, possibly to keep them cooler in hot weather. Adult lionesses (female lions) have no mane and weigh about 130kg.

Did You Know...?

Lions are usually born with spotty fur! The spots disappear as they get older.

Where do lions live?

In the wild, most lions live in Africa, in grasslands south of the Sahara Desert and are called African lions. There is also a small group of lions that live in India, called Asiatic lions.

Lions live together in groups called 'prides'. Each pride usually has a large group of lionesses and either one male or a small group of males. The lionesses look after their cubs together.

Lions also hunt together. They hunt animals such as deer, buffalo and zebras.

How do we help lions?

Sadly, today there are only about 23,000 lions left in the wild. Many zoos and wildlife parks help to look after lions and help them have cubs. Lions in the wild are protected to try and stop people from hunting them. This is known as conservation.

Questions

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Accept any one: deer, buffalo, zebras.