

Animals We Love:

TIGERS

Recommended for primary school children

Let's learn more about tigers:

- Tigers are only found in Asia. They live in deciduous or tropical rainforests, grasslands and near mangrove swamps.
- Unlike most cats, tigers love water. As excellent swimmers, they readily enter water to pursue prey.
- Tigers hunt at night, with excellent eyesight that can see six times better than we do. They have soft foot pads to creep up on prey before pouncing on them. They can pounce up to 10 m. They may hide large prey in tall grass and return to feed on them over a few days.
- The last wild tiger in Singapore was shot dead in 1930 in Chua Chu Kang village. Across Asia, tigers face the threat of poaching. There are only some 3,000 tigers in the wild.
- White Tigers are not albinos or a subspecies of tigers. Their special coloration is a result of a mutated gene. Orange-coloured tigers may give birth to white and orange-coloured cubs in the same litter. White tigers are extremely rare. No one has sighted one in the wild for a long time.



Use the See-Think-Wonder Thinking Routine* to start a conversation with your child

*Adapted from Project Zero, Harvard Graduate School of Education

SEE

- Zoom in on one thing in the photograph. Get others to guess what it is by asking three questions to which your answers can only be 'yes' or 'no' e.g. Is it sharp?
- Which body parts do you think make the tiger a powerful hunter?
- Come up with a title for this photograph.

THINK

- What do you think this tiger is doing?
- If you could hear this tiger in this photograph roar, how do you think it might sound like?

WONDER

- I wonder if the colour of the white tiger help it survive better in the wild..

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Activity Time!

Tiger Codes



2 or more players



Paper and a pencil

STEP 1: Visit the [Zoo's webpage on white tigers](#) and watch the [video](#). Take turns to come up with five words associated with the white tiger.

STEP 2: Pen a short story (max 100 words) to include each of the five words at least three times.

STEP 3: Invite your family members to create a code for each of the five words using hand or body gestures. Each to take turns to read the story aloud while the others show the code whenever they hear any of the five words.



CAT-apult Fun



2 or more players



Rubber bands, ice-cream sticks, scrap paper, measuring tape

STEP 1: Watch the [video](#) and observe how the tiger moves. A tiger can pounce up to 10m.

STEP 2: Figure out how to make a catapult using recycled materials. Crush a piece of paper to represent a 'tiger' and try to launch your 'tiger' with the catapult.

STEP 3: Measure how far your 'tiger' managed to 'pounce'. Then calculate how much farther it needs to pounce to reach 10 m. Have a friendly competition with your family members.



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