

Homeschool Share Giraffe Lapbook

Vocabulary

Ruminate: bringing food back up to rechew and then swallow again

Herbivore: plant eater

Prehensile: the ability to grab with both the lip and tongue

Symbiosis: when two or more lifeforms take and give from each other equally.

Xirapha: one that walks very fast

Ossicones: the bony lumps on a giraffe's head

Anatomy

Height: 16 feet tall

Weight: 3,000 pounds

Head Size: 2 feet long

Neck Size: 6 feet long

Hoof Size: 12 inches long, 9 inches wide

Diet

What does a giraffe eat and drink? Giraffes eat leaves, buds, and twigs that are high up in the trees and in lower bushes, and drink water.

Predators

Lions, leopards, and hyenas

Giraffe Defenses

Fight: Giraffes defend themselves and their babies by kicking with both the rear and front legs. Their kicks can kill an adult lion with one swift blow. Their necks and heads also make great battering rams.

Flight: Giraffes will run away from predators when needed, but their walk is quick enough to carry them away, as well.

Living Together

Giraffes live in herds, with a dominant male as the leader. Babies are often taken care of in little groups with one female in charge, although if the coast is clear the babies can stay by themselves while the adults watch from a distance. Sometimes male giraffes will fight each other for dominance.

Family Names

Dad's Name: Bull

Mom's Name: Cow

Baby's Name: Calf

Baby Giraffes

How big is a baby giraffe at birth? Six feet tall.

In 15 minutes after being birthed, baby giraffes are able to stand up. In an hour after being birthed, baby giraffes can walk and drink their mother's milk. After a few days, they can start to eat other foods. After a few months, the baby giraffes can still eat other foods, but drink their mother's milk twice a day for a year.

Range

Where can you find a giraffe? Giraffes live all around Africa – depending on the coat patterns, giraffes will be found in different locations in Africa.

Habitat

What is a giraffe's habitat like? Giraffes live in the African savanna. A savanna is a grassy plain which has clusters of trees.

Relatives

What animal is the last living relative of the giraffe? The okapi is about half the height of a giraffe and is known for living alone in forests. Okapis have dark velvet fur with zebra stripes on the legs, making excellent camouflage against predators.

Fun Facts File Folders

Why do giraffes have such large muscles in their shoulders? Giraffes use these large muscles to run, which are located in the front legs instead of the rear legs, which is unlike most animals.

Why do giraffes have tassels on their tails? Giraffes use their tail tassels for swatting away flies and other insects.

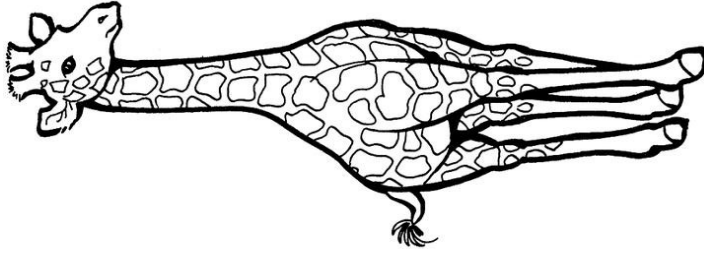
How does a giraffe walk? The legs on the right side of the body move forward first, then the legs on the left side move forward. Giraffes walk like this in order to avoid tripping on themselves due to their long legs.

How fast can a giraffe run? Giraffes can run up to 35 miles per hour.

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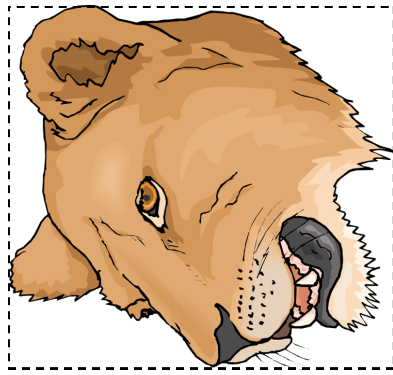
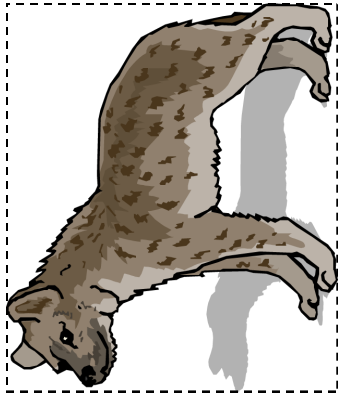
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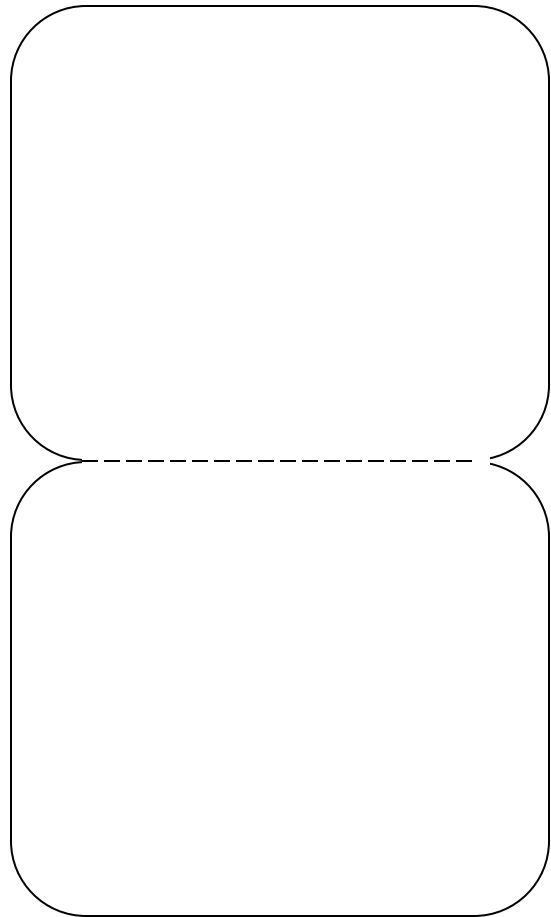
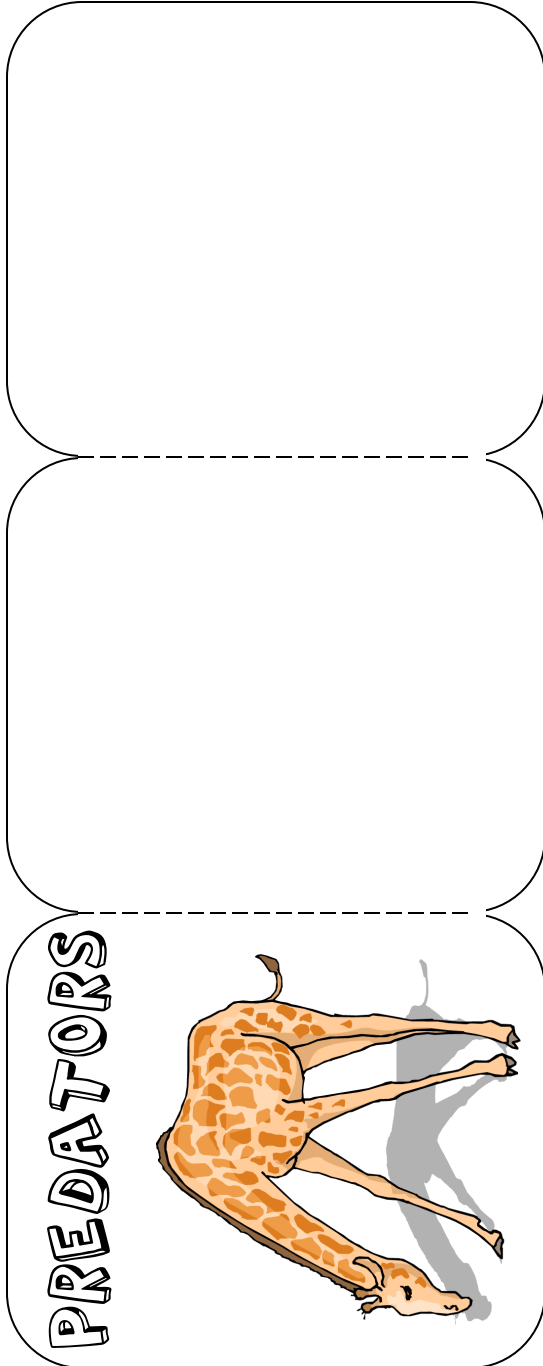
**WHAT
DOES A
GIRAFFE
DRINK?**

**WHAT
DOES A
GIRAFFE
EAT?**

Directions: Cut out as one piece. Fold in half. Open. Fold ends to the inside. Fold in half again.



Directions: Cut each strip out as one piece.
Glue as indicated. Fold like an accordion.
Paste back of last piece to your lapbook.



glue to back of last page on first strip

A large rectangular box containing ten horizontal lines for writing.

Herbivore

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Symbiosis

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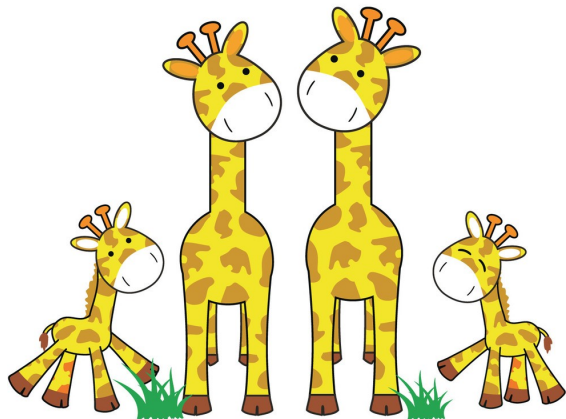
Xirapha

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Prehensile

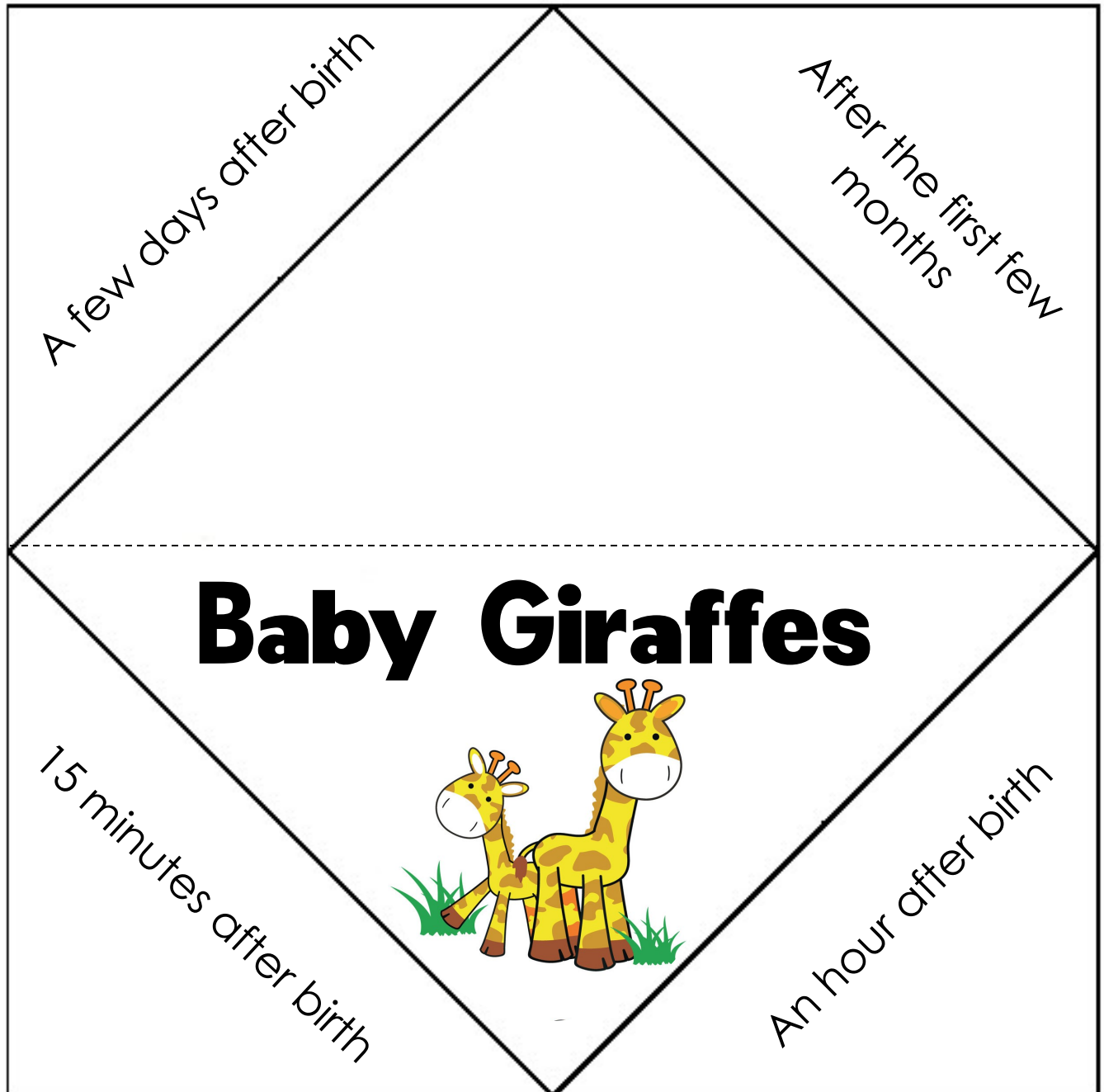
Cut books out. Fold on lines (matchbook style).

Living Together



**Who Is the
Giraffe's
Last Living
Relative?**

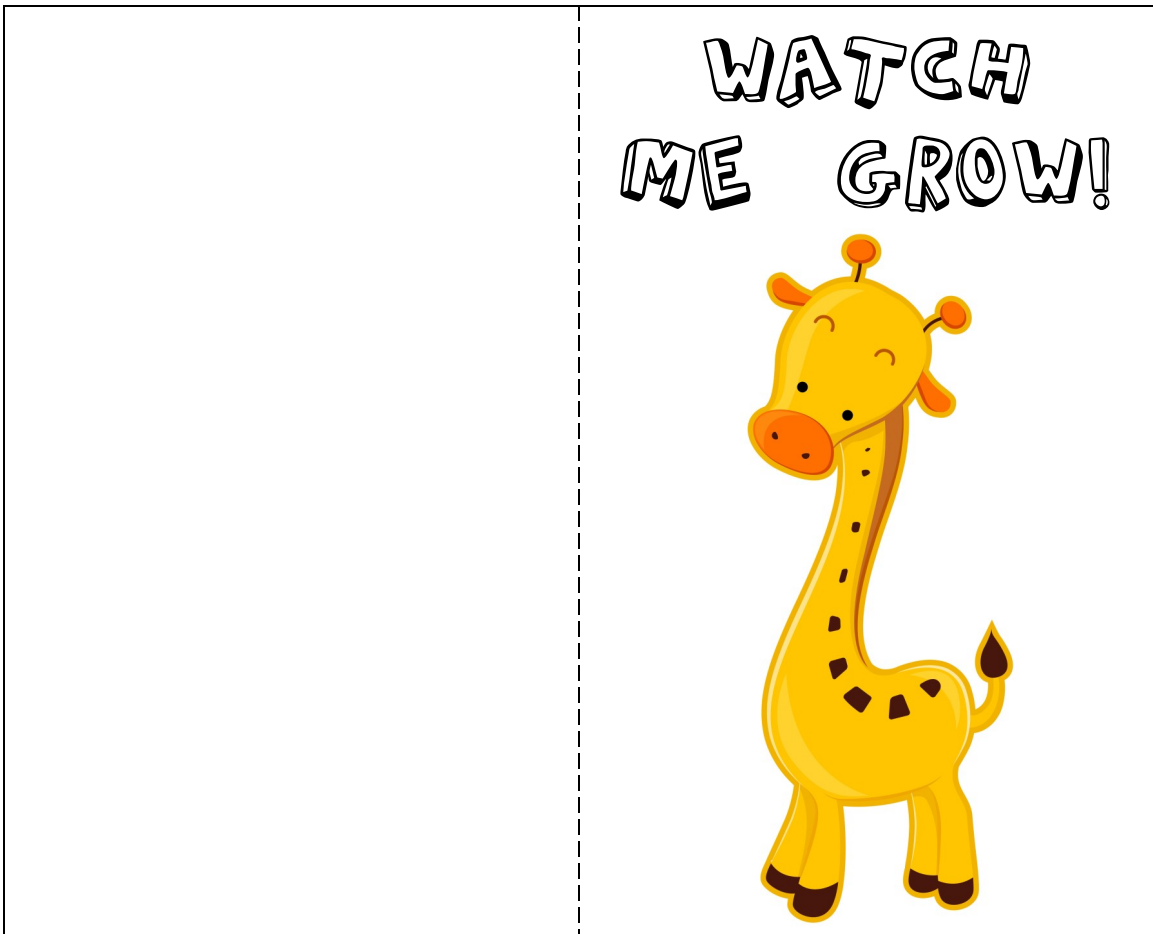
Cut out book. Fold each triangle flap under. Fold book in half on dotted line. When you open the book, there should be four flaps to life and record information.





Use Africa outline for Giraffes on the Map mini-book.

Cut out book. Fold in half. On the inside of the book write how big a baby giraffe is at birth and write about how it grows.



Giraffes

on the map

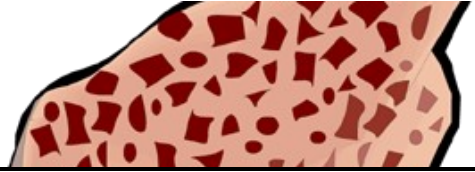


Directions: Cut out book as one piece. Fold in half. Africa outline map found on the previous page.

**As Big
as a
Giraffe!**



Head Size



Height



Neck Size



Cut out rectangles. Stack together (smallest to largest) with cover on top and staple.

Weight

Hoof Size



Cut out books on solid lines; fold on dotted lines.

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muscles in their
shoulders?

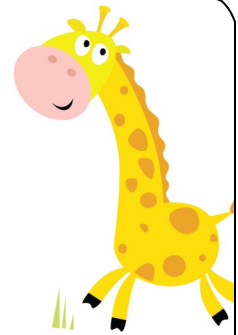


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walk?

How fast
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giraffe run?



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FIGHT

FLIGHT

DEFENSE

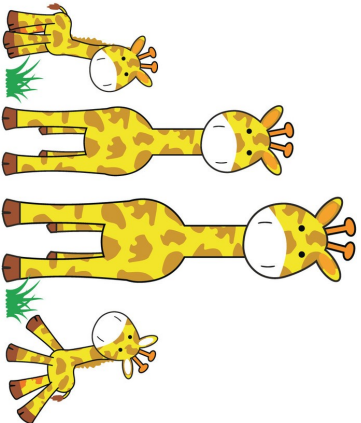


Dad

Mom

Baby

Giraffe Names



Cut out book as one piece. Fold left side under. Fold right side under (it is the cover). Unfold book. Cut on the two lines between the names to form three flaps.