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The Giraffe's Long Blue Tongue

Circle group

A giraffe is tall. It eats leaves.

The giraffe has a long tongue. The tongue grabs a leaf. It is dark.

Munch, munch, munch!

Questions

1. What does a giraffe eat?

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2. What grabs the leaf?

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3. What color is the tongue?

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4. What sound does the giraffe make?

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5. Why is a long tongue good for a tall giraffe?

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Words to know

giraffe: a very tall animal with a long neck
tongue: the part in your mouth that helps you taste
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tall: a long way from bottom to top

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Triangle group

A giraffe is very tall. It eats leaves from tall trees.

A giraffe has a long tongue. The tongue can reach out and grab a leaf. It is dark, like a plum.

The giraffe pulls the leaf into its mouth. Munch, munch, munch!

Questions

1. What does a giraffe eat?

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2. What does the giraffe use to grab a leaf?

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3. What color is the tongue?

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4. What sound does the giraffe make when it eats?

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Square group

A giraffe is one of the tallest animals. It eats the leaves that grow on tall trees.

Its tongue is very long, and it can stretch out to wrap around a leaf. The tongue is a dark color, almost like a purple plum.

Then the giraffe pulls the leaf into its mouth and chews it. Munch, munch, munch!

Questions

1. What kind of food does a giraffe eat?

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2. What does the giraffe stretch out to wrap around a leaf?

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3. What color is the giraffe's tongue?

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4. What sound does the giraffe make as it chews?

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5. Why is a long tongue helpful to an animal that is so tall?

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For the teacher: The Giraffe's Long Blue Tongue

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: The Giraffe's Long Blue Tongue

Easier · 24 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.3

1. Leaves.
2. The long tongue.
3. Dark.
4. Munch, munch, munch.
5. It can reach leaves up high.

Triangle: The Giraffe's Long Blue Tongue

This passage · 43 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.5

1. Leaves from tall trees.
2. Its long tongue.
3. Dark, like a plum.
4. Munch, munch, munch.
5. It can reach leaves high up in the trees.

Square: The Giraffe's Long Blue Tongue

Harder · 58 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.6

1. Leaves from tall trees.
2. Its long tongue.
3. Dark, almost like a purple plum.
4. Munch, munch, munch.
5. It can reach leaves that are high up in the trees.