

# G for Giraffe

Giraffes, the tallest of the land animals, live in the savannas of Africa.



They are well known for their long necks, long legs and spotted patterns.

Giraffes usually live in family troops of 2 to 6. While mothers feed, calves are kept in small nursery groups.

No two giraffes have the same pattern. Giraffe markings allow them to hide among trees.

Giraffes sleep only about a half an hour per day. They rarely lay down. They sleep and give birth standing up.

Giraffes are quite agile and can run very fast. They can moo, hiss, roar and whistle.

Giraffes can go for up 2 weeks without water. Their long necks help them eat leaves from acacia trees.

A giraffe's tongue can extend almost 45 cm. Giraffes have the largest eyes of any land mammal.

A giraffe came  
By the willow tree  
Stopped to gaze  
And talk to me.

For he was  
Very lean and tall  
A pillar, a column,  
A walking wall.

