

Z for Zebra

There are three species of Zebra, all native to the African continent. They differ slightly in their stripes, but all have the same general shape.



There are different types of zebras, but they all have stripes. Each zebra has its unique stripe pattern, like human fingerprints.

Zebras usually live in small family groups called herds. The leader of the herd stays at the back of the group to defend against predators.

Zebra foals are dark brown and white at birth. They can walk just 20 minutes after they are born, and can run after an hour!

Zebras can run at speeds of up to 56 km an hour. A zebra's eyesight at night is as good as that of a cat or an owl.

Zebras are very dependent on water. They usually need to drink every day, so they do not wander far from water holes.

Zebras can communicate with one another. Ears flat back, for example, means trouble, or you better follow orders!

White men in Africa
Puffing at their pipes
Think the zebra is
A white horse
With black stripes.

Black men in Africa,
With their pipes
Of different types
Know the zebra is
A black horse
With white stripes.

