

ANIMALS AND WATER

What do you and animals have in common?

Water! Actually, all living things must have water to survive, whether they get it from a tap, a rain cloud, or a little bottle attached to the side of a cage. When we have the right amount of water in our bodies we are hydrated!

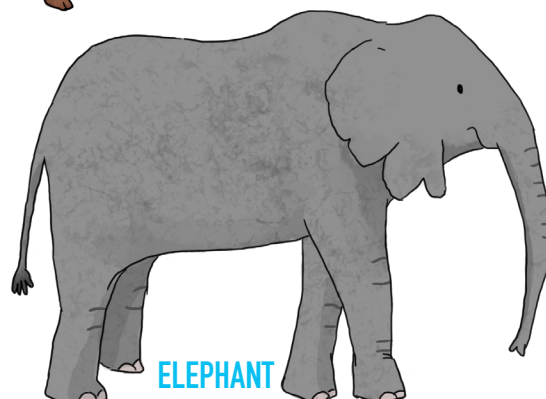
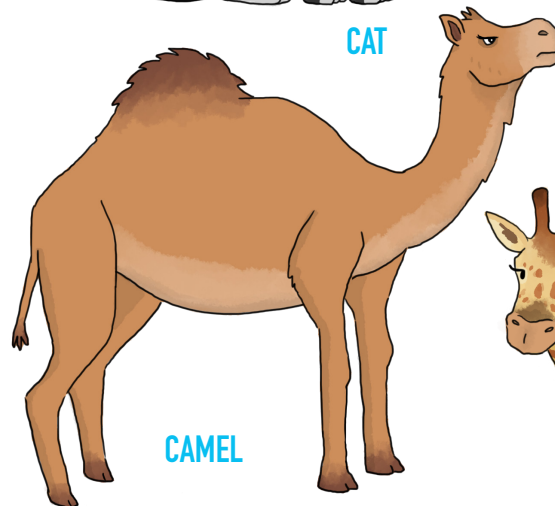
Without water, your body would stop working properly. When we don't have the right amount of water in our body, we become de-hydrated and this can make us poorly!

Take a look at the animals below. Decide how long you think they can go without water and write them in the order below.

Most days

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Least days



BONUS QUESTION: How long do you think Humans could last without water?

Answers: Giraffe 21 days, Camel 15 days, Elephant 4 days, Cheetah 10 days, Cat 2 days, Bonus Question: Humans can last 3 days.

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SNAP THE FACTS!

We know we all need water to survive but do you know how water can affect animals?

Play a game of snap with an adult or friend and try and match the fact with the animal!

How to play:

Cut out the cards, turn them over and place in a grid, take it in turns to try and match the animal to the facts. Winner at the end has the most cards.

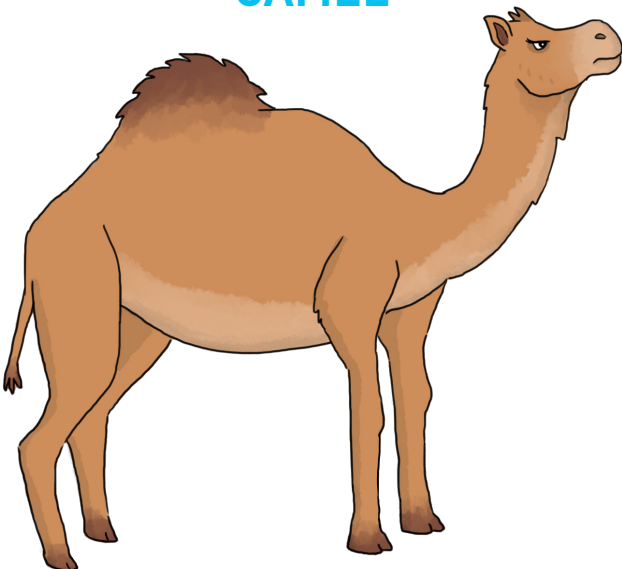
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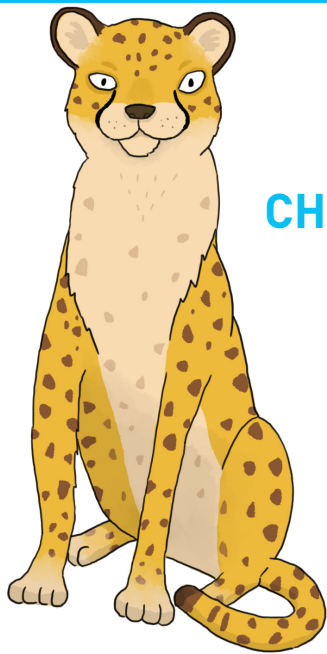
Cats can survive **2** days without water. It's important that we make sure that our pets have fresh water available everyday. Just like us they feel better and are healthier when they are hydrated.

CAMEL



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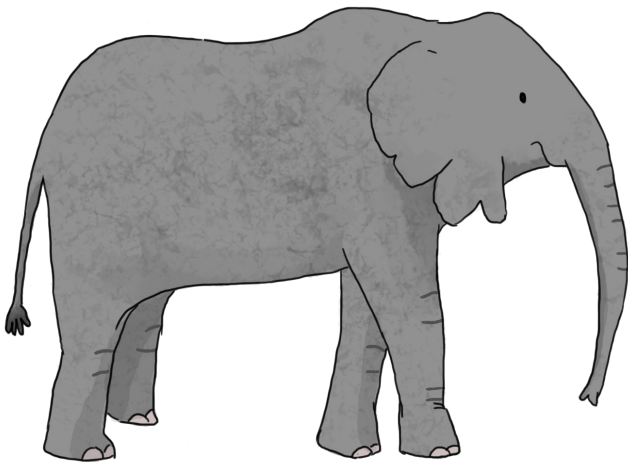
Camels can survive up to **15** days without water. One of the reasons that they can survive that long is because of their humps. They store fat in their humps (*not water*) and can use this to help them go longer without water.



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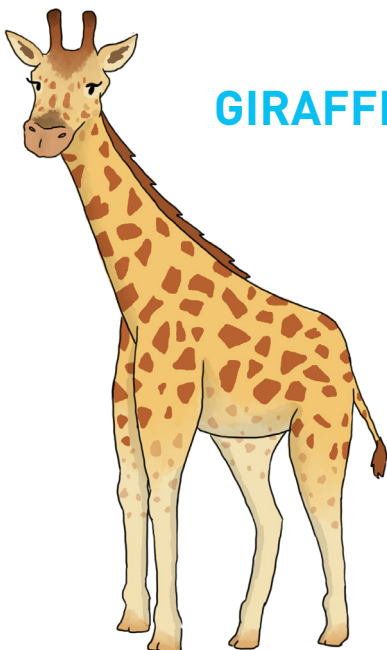
Cheetahs can go **10** days without a drink of water. They take water from their prey.



ELEPHANT

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Elephants can go up to **4** days without water but they can also use their trunks and tusks to dig wells if necessary. Elephants tend to stay near water sources but they can smell water from five kilometres away.



GIRAFFE

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Giraffes can actually last up to **21** days (*3 weeks*) without a drink. When they do drink they've been known to down 54 litres in one sitting!

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Creative writing is great for the mind!

Why don't you write a story about an animal who was trying to find water?

Title:

Characters:

Setting:

Storyline:

Beginning:

Middle:

End:

Author: _____