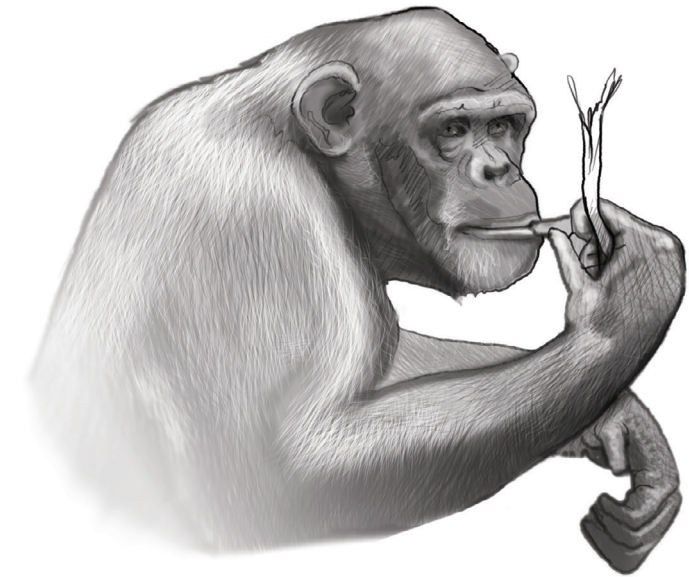


Through the Jungle

Question 23



Jungle comes from the Hindi word *jangal*, which describes a tropical forest that has dense vegetation from the ground up. A rainforest is like a jungle, but the trees are so tall that they block out most of the Sun, preventing other plants from growing on the forest floor. These tropical forests can be found in regions around the equator, such as Africa, South America, and Asia. Though jungles and rainforests occupy a very small percentage of the Earth's surface, they are home to half of all plant and animal species. Find out about the fascinating mammals that live in this wet and wild habitat.

What is the most visible difference between an ape and a monkey?

- a) Ears
- b) Tail
- c) Nose
- d) Fur



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Question 23

What is the most visible difference between an ape and a monkey?



Answer: b) Tail

The terms “ape” and “monkey” are often confused. Though apes and monkeys are both **primates**, they are each in their own category. The easiest way to tell the difference between an ape and a monkey is the tail: an ape does not have a tail, but a monkey does. Another noticeable difference is body shape and structure. Ape species, such as chimpanzees, have a more upright form and larger shoulders to support their weight while swinging from tree branches. Monkey species, such as langurs, have a more lean, cat-like form and use their tails to help them move through trees.

Question 24



A tiger is called a(n) _____ predator because it is not hunted by other animals for food.



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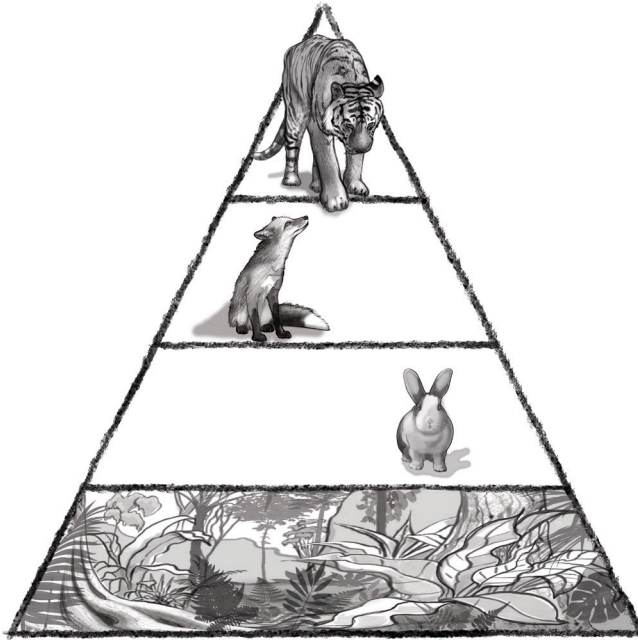


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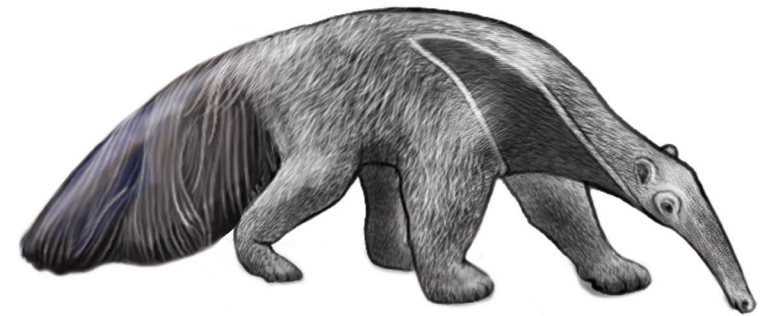
A tiger is called a(n) _____ predator because it is not hunted by other animals for food.



Answer: apex

The word *apex* means the very top of something; in this case, a **food chain**. A food chain is the order in which living organisms depend on each other for food. For example, a rabbit eats grass, a fox eats the rabbit, and a tiger eats the fox. Both the fox and the tiger are **predators**, but since the tiger is at the very top of the food chain, it is known as an **apex predator**. A tiger hunts other animals for food, but no other animal—whether mammal, reptile, or bird—hunts a tiger for food.

Question 25



How long is a giant anteater's tongue?



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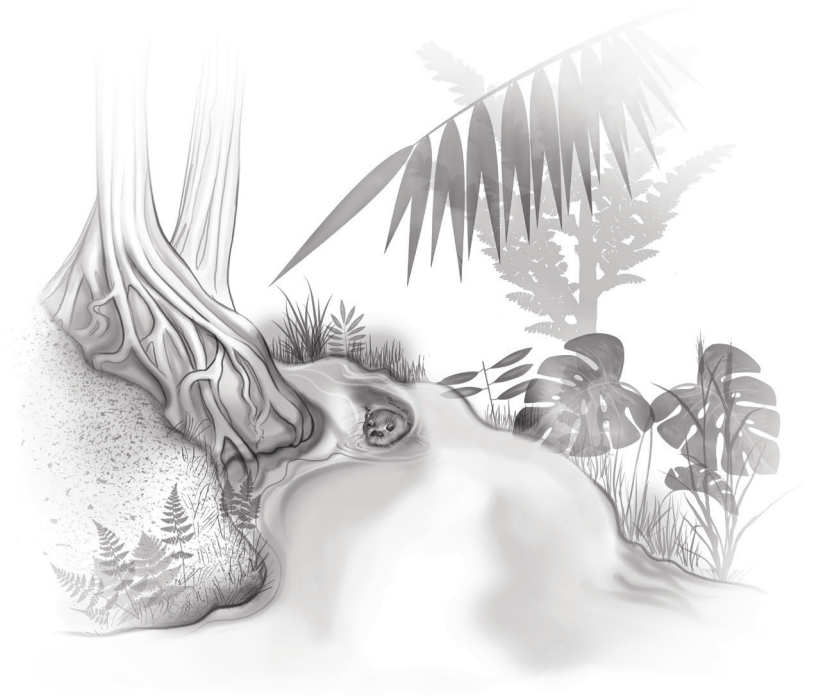
How long is a giant anteater's tongue?



Answer: About 24 in, which is about 60 cm

A giant anteater's tongue is about as long as a child's shoelace. It is pink and shaped like a piece of spaghetti. Giant anteaters are **insectivores**, eating mostly ants and termites. The giant anteater uses its long, sticky tongue to reach inside an anthill or termite mound and slurp up as many insects as possible. Since it has no teeth, it must swallow its food whole. A giant anteater can flick its tongue in and out of its mouth 150 times per minute, which allows it to consume up to 30,000 ants and termites each day.

Question 26



True or false?
The "river wolf" is the largest wolf in the Amazon rainforest.



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Question 26

True or false? The “river wolf” is the largest wolf in the Amazon rainforest.



Answer: False

There are no wolves in the Amazon rainforest. The “river wolf” is properly known as the giant otter. As the longest member of the weasel family, an adult giant otter can span the length of a twin size bed. The giant otter makes its home along the Amazon river in South America. It is called the “river wolf” because, like a wolf, it is at the top of the food chain in its habitat. A fast swimmer with sharp teeth and strong jaws, the giant otter is an expert hunter. It eats mostly fish and other **aquatic** animals, such as turtles, frogs, and even snakes.

Question 27



The saola is a shy, hoofed mammal that is related to which of these?

- a) Pig
- b) Koala
- c) Hippo
- d) Cow



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