

Test Your Giraffe Knowledge

Test your knowledge about giraffes by completing the quiz.

1. All scientists agree there is 1 species of giraffe with 9 subspecies.
A ☐ True B ☐ False
2. A giraffe's tongue is purple because...
A ☐ The extra melanin protects it from sunburn.
B ☐ It helps to keep it warm.
C ☐ Giraffes eat a lot of purple fruit.
D ☐ It has no purpose.
3. Giraffes are found in the _____ and woodlands of Africa.
A ☐ Rainforests B ☐ Savannas
C ☐ Boreal forests D ☐ Tundras
4. Like us and almost all mammals, giraffes have _____ bones in their neck.
A ☐ 3 B ☐ 5
C ☐ 7 D ☐ 10
5. Which of the follow is NOT a benefit of being so tall?
A ☐ Taller giraffes are well-hidden from predators
B ☐ Taller giraffes can reach food other animals cannot reach
C ☐ Taller giraffes can spot predators from far away
D ☐ Taller giraffes are more attractive to mates
6. Giraffes get most of the water they need from their food and the dew that forms on leaves.
A ☐ True B ☐ False
7. Giraffes have structures on their head called _____ that male giraffes use in competition.
A ☐ Horns B ☐ Antlers
C ☐ Ossicones D ☐ Pronghorns
8. When giraffes are born, their ossicones are made out of _____ (like our noses and ears) that 'ossify' into bone as they get older.
A ☐ Keratin B ☐ Melanin
C ☐ Dentine D ☐ Cartilage
9. Giraffes use their hooves to defend themselves. Their kick is powerful enough to kill a lion.
A ☐ True B ☐ False
10. Baby giraffes can stand and run as quick as _____ after being born!
A ☐ 10 hours B ☐ 1 day
C ☐ 3 days D ☐ 1 week