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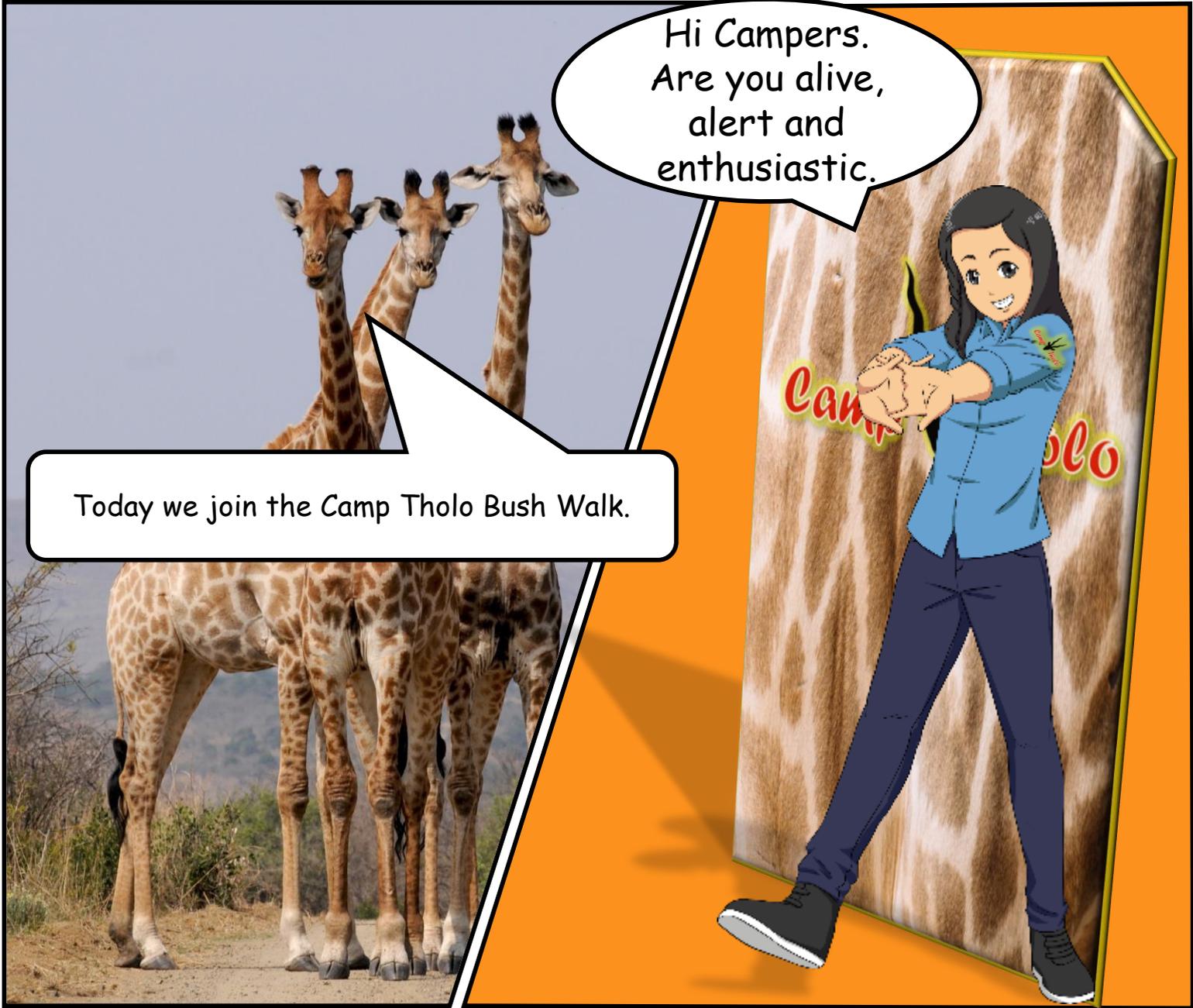
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Hi Campers.
Are you alive,
alert and
enthusiastic.

Today we join the Camp Tholo Bush Walk.



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Looks like the Campers are still sleeping.

Let me wake up these sleepy heads



Aiyiyi

Easy Number One!



Rise and Shine Campers we have lots to do today!



The campers are now getting their safety briefing from Bubbles.

We all packed and ready to GO!



Campers,
Remember take
along some water
to drink.

I hope you
wearing closed
shoes and a
hat.



Shh! Walk
quietly!



Number One,
what's that
up ahead?

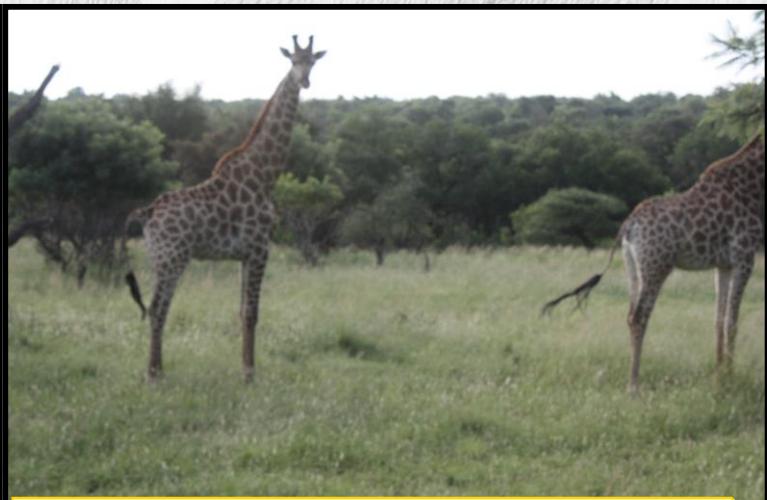
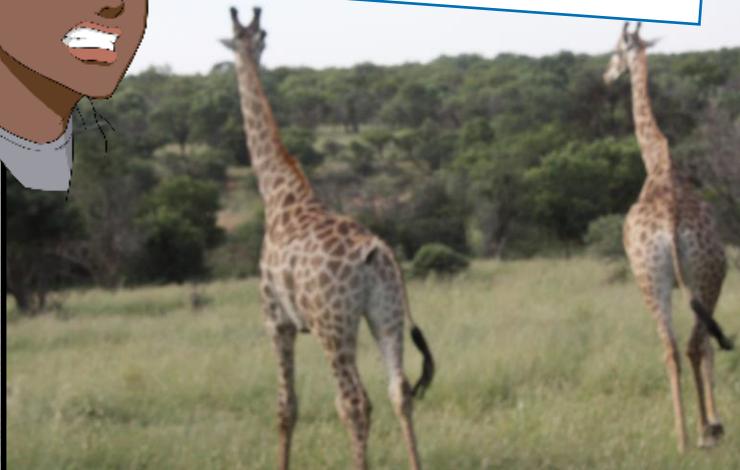


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WOW! Look!
Giraffe!



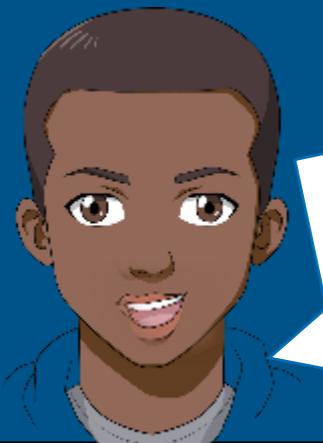
Shh, Quiet guys,
you making them
run!



They stopped. Now we can
learn more about them.



Come closer guys. We
must speak softly. Yes,
these are Giraffe. My
favourite animal.

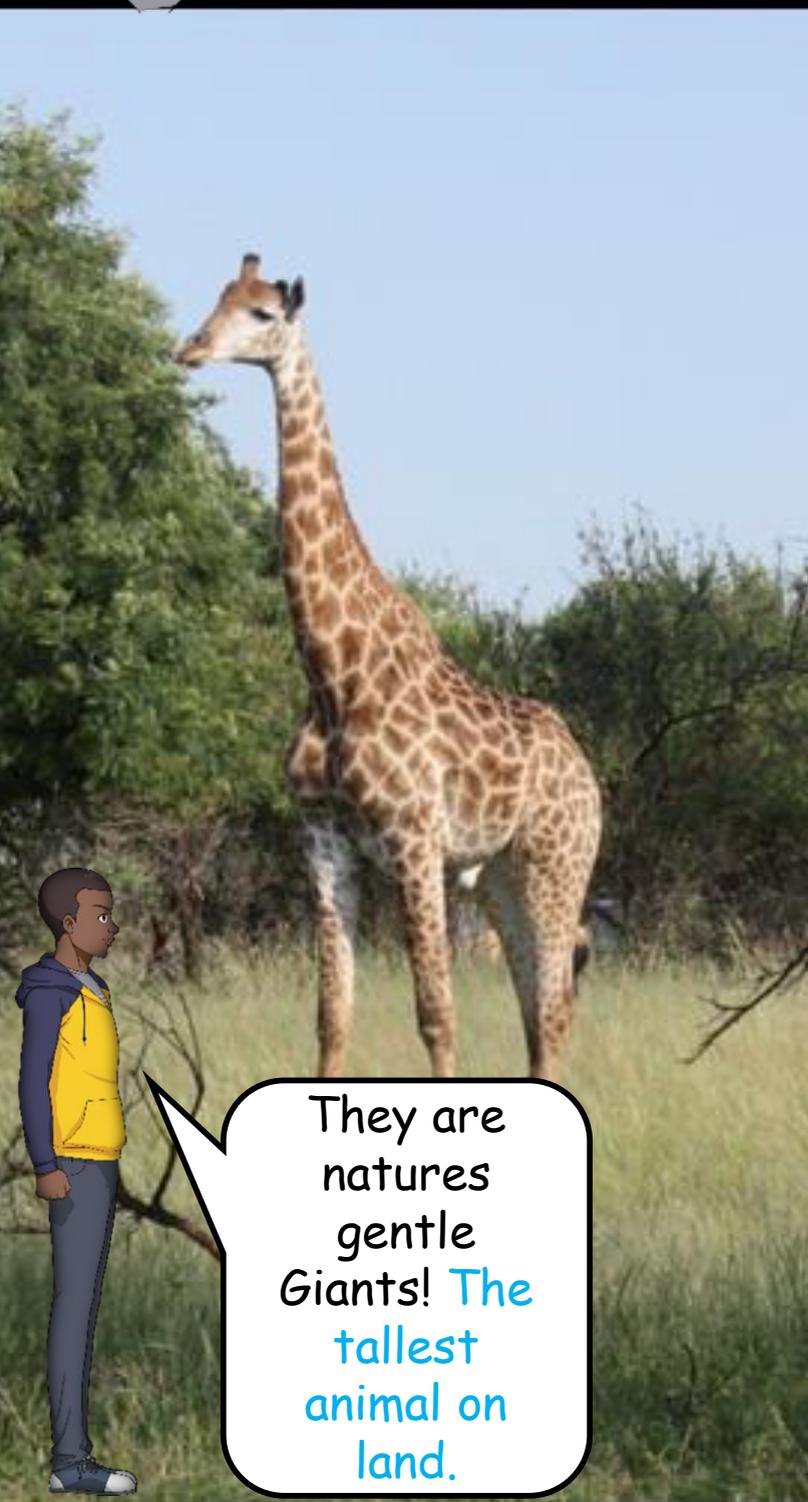


The scantiest call them Giraffa camelopardalis

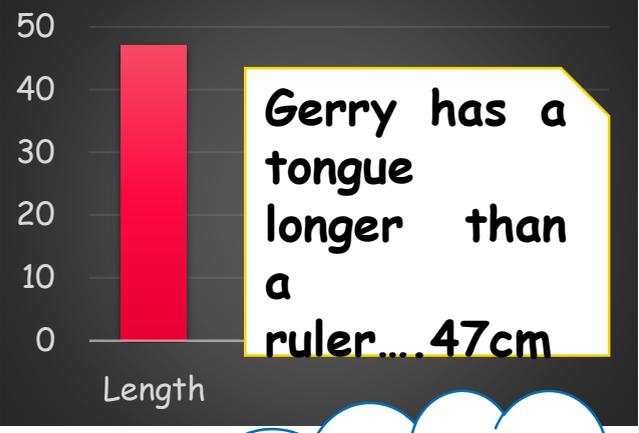
I like to call them 'Gerry'



Ha Ha Ha



They are nature's gentle Giants! The tallest animal on land.



Gerry has a tongue longer than a ruler... 47cm

That a really long neck, How many Bones are in there?



Lets ask Number One



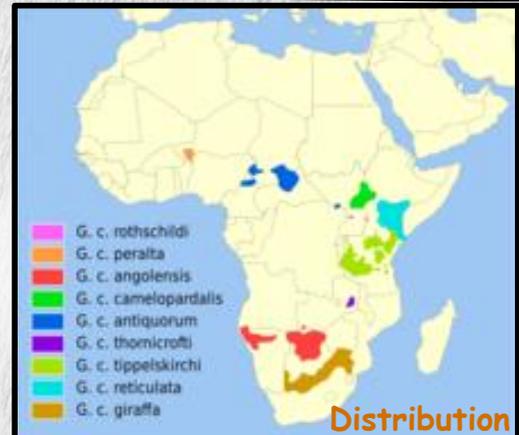
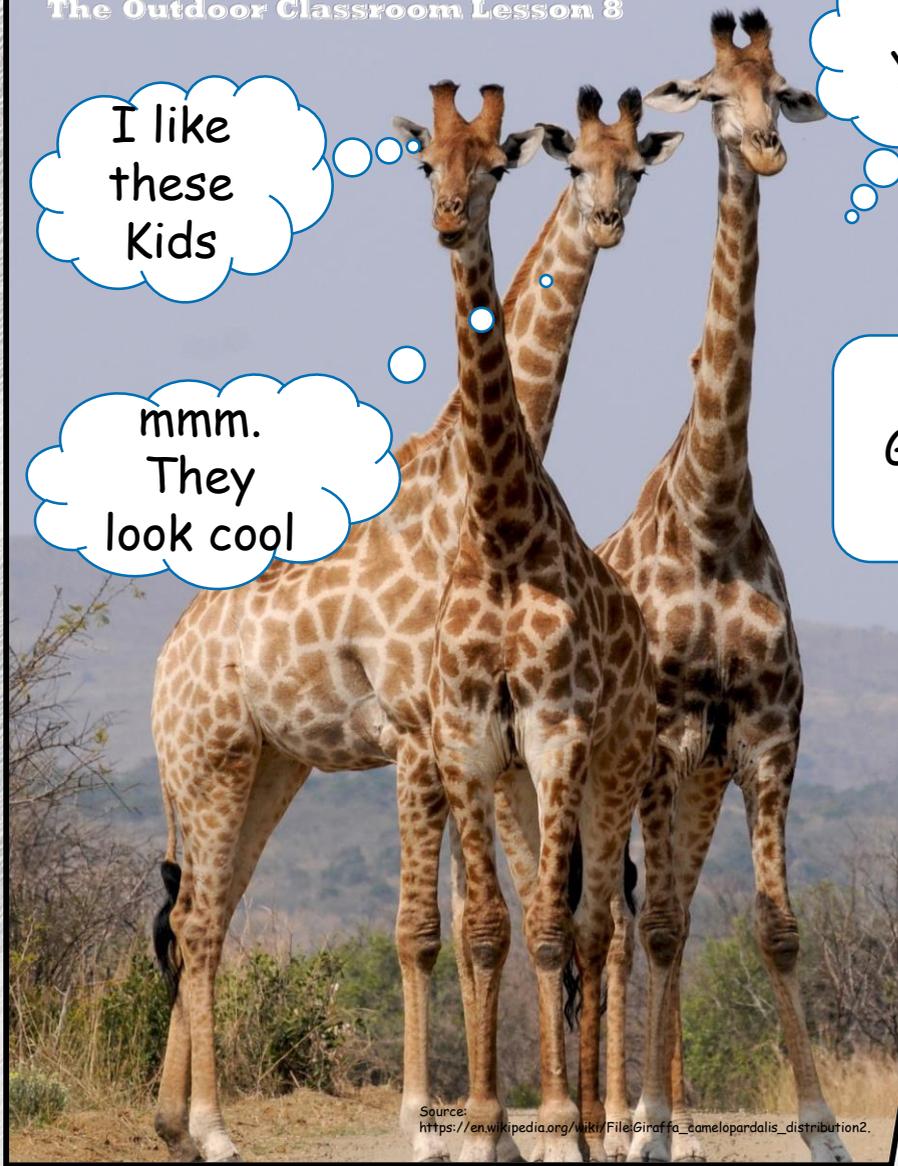
Believe it or not! There or SEVEN bones in that long neck. Just like Us!

I like
these
Kids

Ooh
Yeah!

mmm.
They
look cool

Wow, Number One
Gerry and his friends
are super cool.

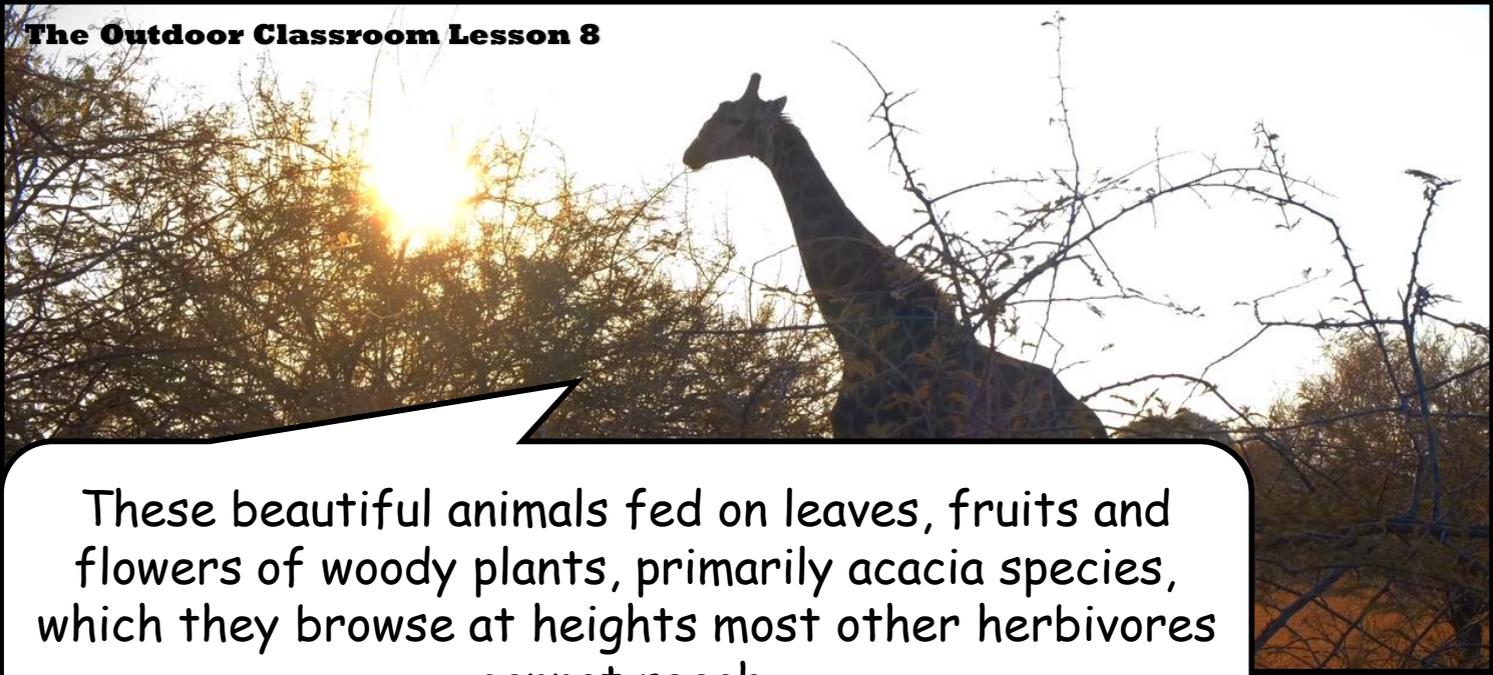


- The skin of a giraffe is mostly grey, or tan. It's so thick that it allows the animal to run through thorn bushes without being punctured.
- The fur has a repellent that gives the animal a characteristic scent, it serves as a chemical defence against parasites. There are 11 main aromatic chemicals in the fur, which are responsible for most of the smell. It is interesting that the males have a stronger odour than the females, so scientist believe that the odour may also have sexual function.
- -Along the animal's neck is a mane made of short, erect hairs.
- It's tail is one-metre long, which is has a dark tuft of hair and is also used as a defence against insects.

Sad but true there are seven extinct species of giraffe, listed as the following:

- *Giraffa gracilis*
- *Giraffa jumae*
- *Giraffa priscilla*
- *Giraffa punjabiensis*
- *Giraffa pygmaea*
- *Giraffa sivalensis*
- *Giraffa stillei*





These beautiful animals fed on leaves, fruits and flowers of woody plants, primarily acacia species, which they browse at heights most other herbivores cannot reach.



We giraffe have a chief distinguishing characteristic. Our extremely long neck and legs, its horn-like ossicones, and its distinctive coat patterns.



Just like you suspected, giraffe (*Giraffa*) is an African artiodactyl mammal, the tallest living terrestrial animal and the largest ruminant. Giraffe look a bit different from region to region but is considered to be one species, *Giraffa camelopardalis*, with nine subspecies.

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They not easy to catch but Giraffes may be preyed on by lions, leopards, spotted hyenas and African wild dogs.



The African Wild Dog

Giraffe Social Life

Giraffes live in herds of related females and their young, unrelated adult males live in bachelor herds. They are sociable and may gather in large groups. Males establish social hierarchies through "necking", which are fights where the neck is used as a weapon. Dominant males gain mating access to females, which bear the sole responsibility for raising the offspring.

Giraffes are still found in numerous national parks and game reserves but estimates as of 2016 indicate that there are approximately 97,500 members of Giraffa in the wild. More than 1,600 were kept in zoos in 2010.

IUCN

The World Conservation Union

The giraffe have been loved by various cultures, intriguing both ancient and modern, for its peculiar appearance, and has often been featured in paintings, books, and cartoons. It is classified by the International Union for Conservation of Nature as **vulnerable** to extinction, as it's range no longer as widespread as it used to be.





I hope you learnt something about my favourite animal.

Yes, we did!
Thanks
Number One.



Remember to care for the earth. Because it cares for us.



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