



TALKING POINTS

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PENGUINS

What colours are our penguins?	Black and white. Our King Penguins are also black and white, but they also have yellow necks and patches on their head. Our Rockhoppers have yellow crest feathers too!
What do penguins like to eat?	Mainly fish, but in the wild they also love krill and squid.
How do penguins swim? Can you watch and see how they move through the water?	Penguins can move very quickly in water. They hunch their heads press their feet close into their body against the tail for steering and use their wings/flippers to paddle through the water.
Can you spot Nils? Our famous military Penguin?	Nils' name is on his flipper band. He is a King Penguin, and in the Guinness book of records for being the worlds highest ranking penguin. His full title is Major General Sir Nils Olav, Baron of the Bouvet Islands. He is the mascot and the Norwegian Kings Guard and has been knighted.
Do the penguins have feathers or fur?	Penguins have amazing feathers, they are very short and look like fur. They have 2 types of feathers, a fluffy down to keep them warm and waterproof guard feathers for staying dry.

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CHIMPANZEES

What food do chimpanzees like to eat?	Fruits, roots, nuts, leaves, plants, flowers, insects, and meat in very small quantities.
Do you see any chimpanzees playing?	You might spot Masindi, our youngest chimpanzee, engaging in play. This is how she learns. You may also see some other interesting behaviours if you watch the older chimpanzees.
Why are they noisy?	Chimpanzees can't use words like us, so they make sounds instead. Take some time to listen!
Can chimpanzees climb trees?	Yes- lets watch them use their strong arms to hold themselves up and swing across from tree to tree.
What colour are the chimpanzees?	Most of the chimpanzees have dark black hair. Babies' hands, skin and feet is pink- indicates that this is a young one. Their skin tones vary just like in humans.

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GIRAFFES

How tall are giraffes?	Males range from 16-18 feet (4.8-5.5 m) tall
What do giraffes like to eat?	Leaves and buds on trees and shrubs. They will also eat herbs, climbers and vines, and prefer flowers and fruit when in season.
Can you spot the colour of a giraffe's tongue?	Black, pink or purple – current thinking is that this prevents it getting sunburned while grazing.
How do giraffes drink water?	Splay their forelegs and/or bend their knees, and only then can they lower their necks to reach the surface of the water.
Can giraffes run?	Yes- their top speed is faster than a horse. A giraffe's legs alone are taller than many humans—about 6 feet. These long legs allow giraffes to run as fast as 35 miles an hour over short distances.

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TIGERS

What colour is the tigers fur?	Orange with black stripes, and tufts of white fur.
What do tigers like to eat?	Meat – we feed them deer and cow and in the wild they would catch deer, wild pigs, fish, and monkeys.
What patterns can you see on the tigers fur?	Stripes, this is called camouflage and it helps them to hide in their natural habitat, so their prey (animals they eat) don't see them. They are an ambush predator.
How many types (subspecies) of tiger are there?	<p>There are now 6 types (subspecies) of tiger – Bengal, Indo-Chinese, South China, Amur and Sumatran. All 6 are classed as Endangered, meaning they need our help!</p> <p>Due to habitat loss and overhunting we have lost the Caspian, Bali and Javan tiger in the last 100 years.</p>