



THE RETICULATED GIRAFFE

Learn about and describe a giraffe



GRADES 2-4

MATERIALS

- pictures, videos of giraffes
- book about giraffes

STANDARDS

- SCI.4.3.3
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OBJECTIVES

- To make students aware of interesting facts about the giraffe.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- There are three types of giraffes in east Africa: reticulated, Masai, and Rothschild's. Each has a different pattern of spots.
- Giraffes eat the leaves, twigs, and bark of acacia and other trees and shrubs.
- Giraffes are about 17 feet tall, making them the world's tallest animal.
- To drink, giraffes must spread their legs wide and bend low. At this time, they are vulnerable to attacks from lions and other predators.
- Thanks to their height, giraffes can see great distances across the African plain.

PROCEDURE

- Read students facts about the reticulated giraffe, and show them pictures of videos of the giraffe.
- Give each students a copy of "The Giraffe" worksheet and have them complete the activity

RECOMMENDED ASSESSMENT

- Assess students on appropriateness of words used to describe giraffes.

EXTENSIONS

- It may be fun and beneficial to read a book about giraffes before beginning the activity.





THE GIRAFFE



Use each letter in the word "GIRAFFE" to begin a word. Write words that describe a giraffe or group of giraffes.

Name _____

G _____

I _____

R _____

A _____

F _____

F _____

E _____

