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.

G ______________________
I ______________________
R ______________________
A ______________________
F ______________________
E ______________________

Name ____________________