

**The**

# Giraffe

**Color this placemat and learn some simple facts about the Giraffe!**

☆ An adult male giraffe can be up to 18 feet (5.5 m) tall and weigh 1,800 - 4,300 pounds (800 -1,930 kg).

☆ An adult female giraffe can be 13 - 14.8 feet (4 - 4.5 m) tall and weigh 1,200-2,600 pounds (550-1,800 kg).

☆ A baby giraffe can be about 5 feet 11 inches (1.8 m) tall when they are born.

## TRIVIA

1. A giraffe sleeps about \_\_\_\_\_ hours a night.

**A. 7.5**

**B. 4.5**

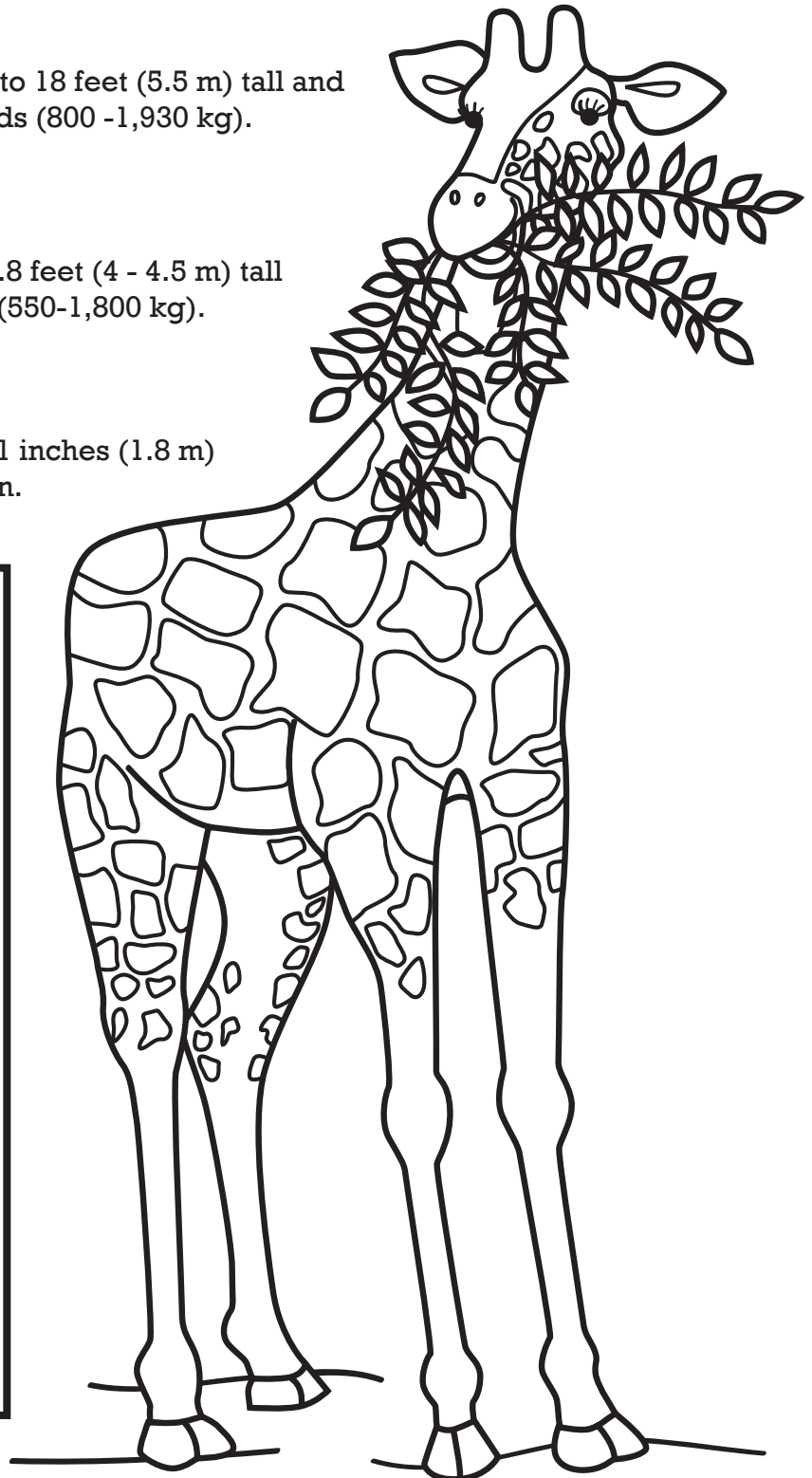
**C. 10.5**

2. What color is a giraffe's tongue?

**A. Black**

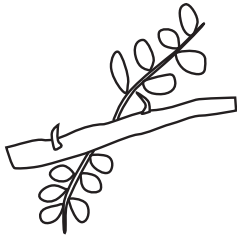
**B. Pink**

**C. Green**

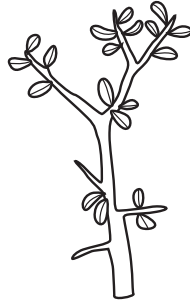


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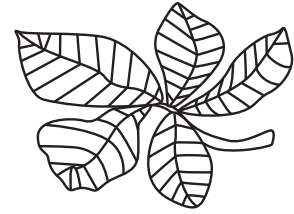
★ Giraffes like to feed on twigs of trees such as Acacia, Commiphora, and Terminalia. They have tough tongues, palates and lips which makes it easy to eat plants with sharp thorns.



**Acacia**



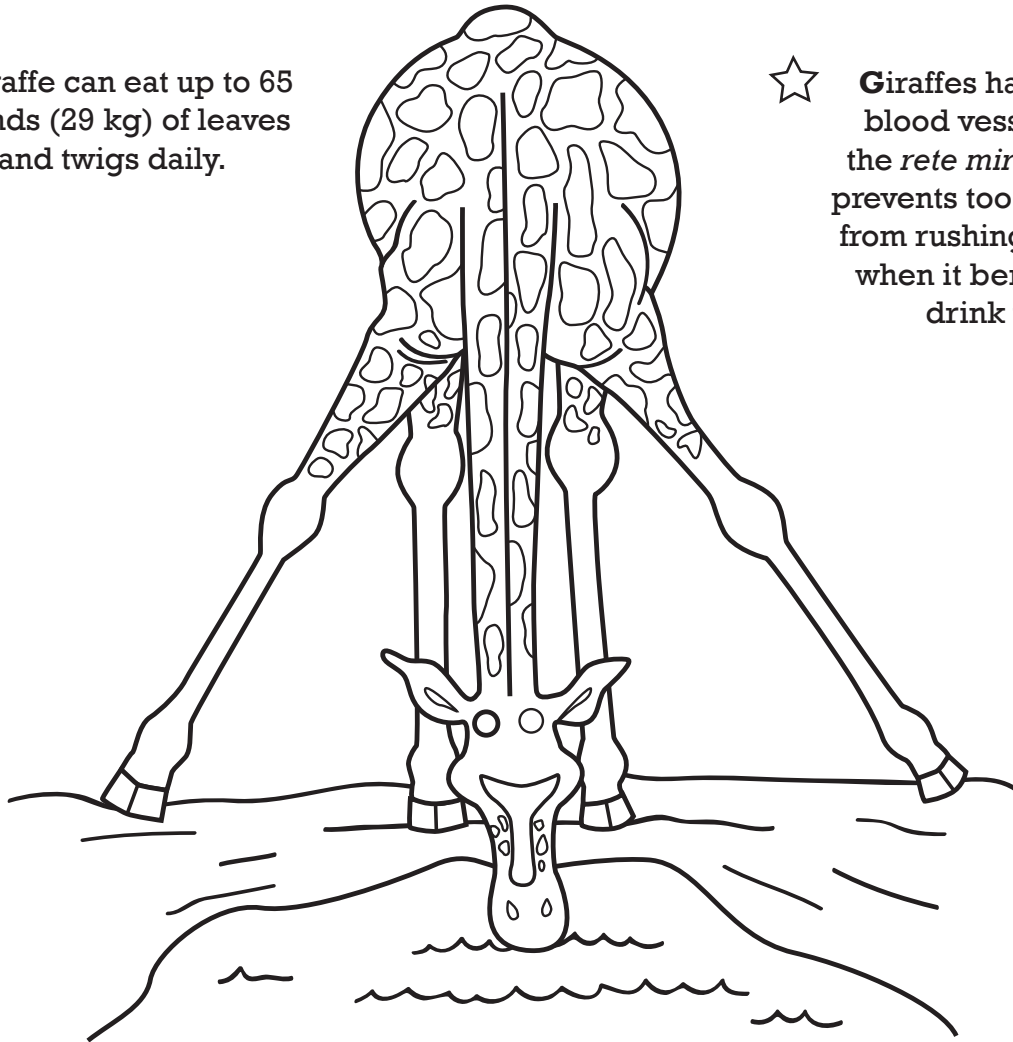
**Commiphora**



**Terminalia**

★ A giraffe can eat up to 65 pounds (29 kg) of leaves and twigs daily.

★ Giraffes have special blood vessels called the *rete mirabile* which prevents too much blood from rushing to its head when it bends over to drink water.



**What other interesting facts can you learn about the Giraffe?**

**Trivia answers:** 1. B The giraffe needs the least amount of sleep of almost any mammal. 2. Black It is thought that the tongue is darker in color to protect it from the sun.

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