

Welcome to the Savanna

Read all about the savanna. Cut out the savanna animals at the bottom of the page. Then, read the description of each animal that lives in the savanna and match it with the correct picture.



About the Savanna:

Savannas are a type of grassland characterized by warm temperatures year round and support not only lots of grasses, but also scattered trees and shrubs. Savannas are also called tropical grasslands, because they are most common close to the equator. Instead of four seasons, savannas have a dry season, during which virtually no rain falls, and a wet season that is hot, humid, and very rainy. The most well-known savannas are in Africa, but there are also savannas in South America and Australia. The plants and animals of the savanna are highly adapted to survive the long dry season. Many plants store water, have spines, or are bitter in flavor to help protect them from herbivores. Animals that live in savannas include zebras, gazelle, wildebeest, giraffe, elephants, lions, cheetahs, leopards, and hyenas.

A. These animals have long necks to help them reach the leaves on the tall trees of the savanna.

C. These small animals can survive the fires that occur during the dry season on the savanna by burrowing underground into tunnels.

E. These animals have spots for camouflage and are the fastest land mammal on earth.

B. These animals use their strong trunks to pick up dirt and put it on their huge backs to protect their skin from the sun.

D. These birds fly towards fires on the savanna to eat the roasted insects.

