

PREDATOR FACT SHEET

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PREDATOR ANSWER KEY

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Cheetah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have territory 2. Males live alone or in small groups called coalitions with brothers. 3. Females live alone 4. Sleep more than 60% of time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Black lines under eyes like football players 2. Non retractable claws like soccer cleats 3. Uses tail for balance 	Small gazelles Antelopes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stalk to about 50 feet in tall grass. 2. Very fast but quick chase 3. 60-70 mph. 4. Accelerate and decelerate quickly 5. Knocks prey to ground and bites the neck 6. May lose kill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. two-3 cubs 2. hides cub for first six weeks 3. Stops nursing after 3 months. 4. Give cubs hunting lessons 5. Bring back live gazelle for training 6. Stay with mom 1.5-2 years.
Lion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have territory 2. Live in high grasses where they can hide. 3. Live in social communities called pride 4. Up to 40 lions 5. Lionesses stay in pride for life 6. Lions leave pride 7. One lion with each pride, job is to protect. 8. Males are nomads and try to take other lions' pride. 9. Sleep about 21 hours a day. 10. Lion eats first, then lionesses, then cubs 11. Old lions get thrown out of pride by younger lions. Young lions will eat old lions' babies. 	1. Mane protects neck from bites.	Antelope, gazelle, wildebeests, zebras, baby elephants, giraffes and cape buffalo. Also eat smaller prey like rodents if no large prey.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lionesses do most hunting for pride. 2. Nomads have to hunt for themselves 3. Often hunt in groups and take turns ambushing and capturing. 4. Lone lions/lionesses hunt smaller prey. 5. Steal from other predators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have litter every other year. 2. Nurse for 6 months 3. Hides cubs for 4-6 weeks until are strong enough to stand and walk. 4. cubs nurse from any female after join pride (4-6 weeks) 5. lionesses have cubs at about same time—playmates
Hyena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have territory 2. Females stay in clan for life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non-retractable claws like cleats. 2. Teeth allow them to eat every part of the kill 3. Can eat rotten food 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work in packs to isolate one animal from the herd (especially sick or hurt ones) 2. Chase until they can kill it. 3. Divide clan—some confuse the herd, others close in on one prey. 4. Lone hyenas hunt smaller animals like rabbits and foxes, 5. May lose prey to lions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have babies in isolation in a den 2. move babies to joint dens with other mothers 3. Each mother nurses her own 4. About two cubs 5. Cubs compete for food and may kill each other.