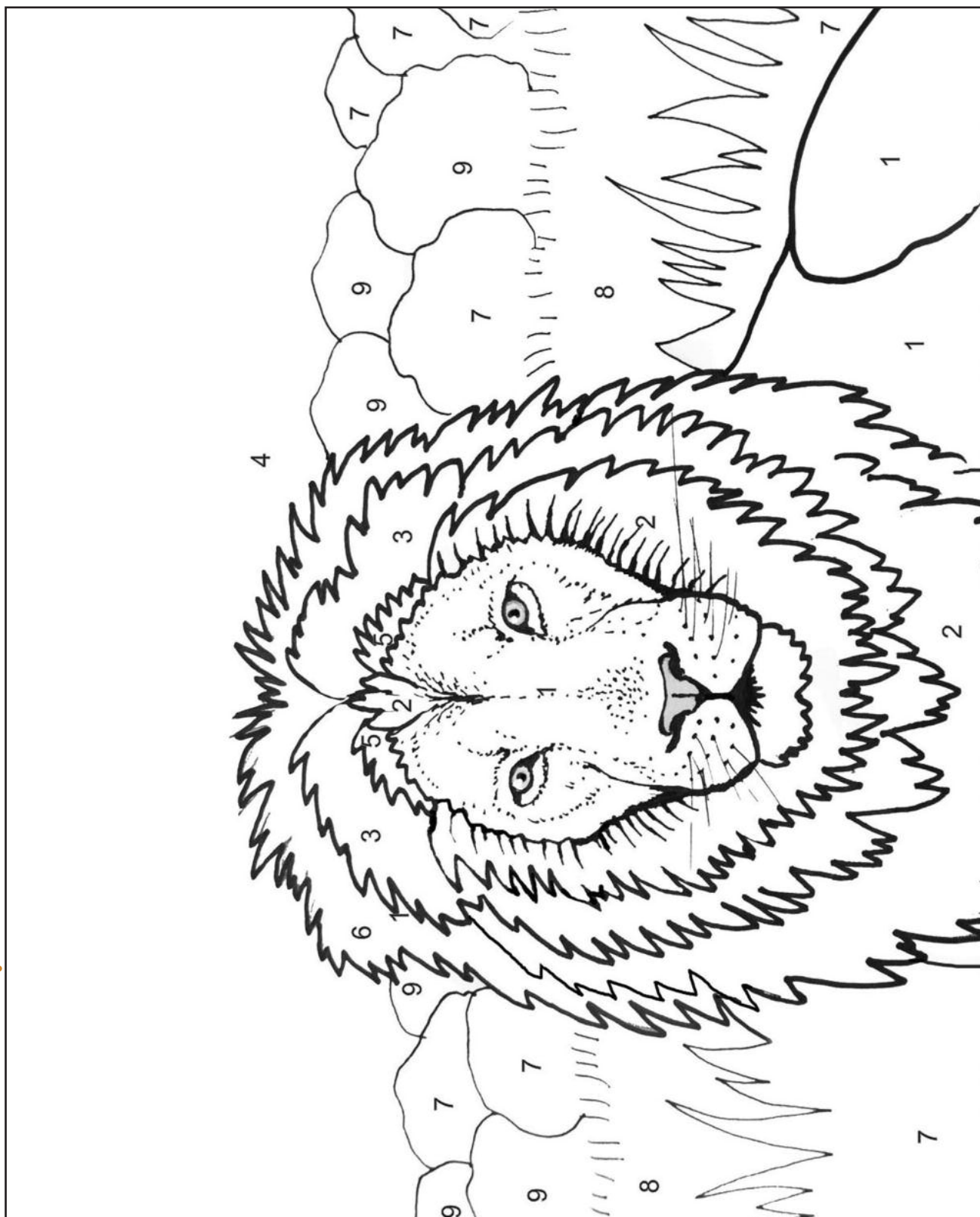


The male lion can be easily identified by the mane that grows around the head and neck. Sometimes this patch of fur extends to the shoulders and the front of the abdomen, too. The mane gives the males an appearance of power; it can intimidate an enemy and soften the wounds directed towards the lion's head and neck.

Colour the male lion with the help of the numbers.

1 - beige, 2 - orange, 3 - light brown, 4 - blue, 5 - dark brown, 6 - black, 7 - light green, 8 - yellow, 9 - dark green



Lions are the most social 'cats'. Although most cats are loners, lions live in groups known as 'packs'.

In the picture, the male lion has wandered off to meet other animals in the woods. Can you find them all?
Hint: There are 7 species here.



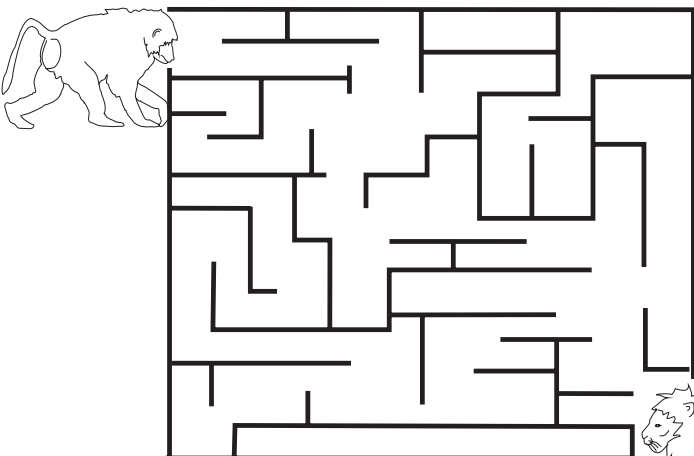
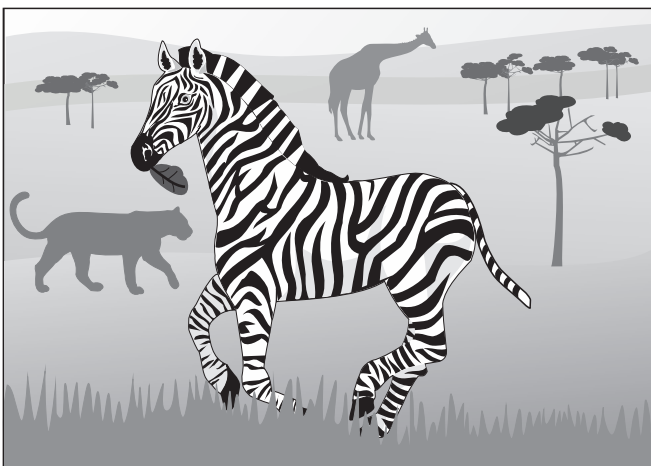
Lions live in diverse environments: they have adapted to savannas and deserts. In deserts and semi-deserts, they have larger territories than on savannas because the prey is more precious. Lions can last for two weeks without drinking – they can survive only on the fluids from the food.

Spot 5 differences in the image of the African savanna and mark them.












Lions are excellent hunters who prey on everything from rodents to rhinoceroses. Their main prey, however, is the zebra, wildebeest or antelope. If such prey is not available, they will also hunt small mammals, birds or snakes. Hunting is usually done by lionesses at dusk and at night.

Our hungry lion in the picture wants to catch the baboon. Can you help him find his way to him?








THE LION, THE JACKAL AND THE MAN (Bushmen Fairytale)


The  and  met to talk about the issues of the country and the state. The  was the chief adviser to the king , so after a while they began to talk about some personal matters. The  began to boast and talked about his strength, perhaps, because the  was always flattering by nature. But this time, when the 's chest surged with pride, the  said, 'Look, , I will show you a beast that is even stronger than you.'










So, they walked side by side, and the  pointed in the direction of a little boy.

'This is a strong animal?' asked the . 'No,' said , 'this one  is yet to become.'





After a while, they met with a  with a bowed head; he supported his bent back with a walking stick.






'Is this the beautiful strong animal, then?' asked the . 'No more, my King,' replied the , 'but he once was.' They continued their journey until they met a young  at the height of his youth. He was accompanied by several  .

'Here you have him, King,' said the . 'Measure your strength with him, and if you win, you will be the most powerful ruler of this country.' Then he walked to the rocky hills to watch the

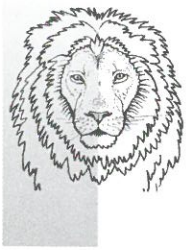
duel from there. The  stumbled forward with a growl, but when he approached, the   surrounded him. The  thought nothing of them, and threw   away with several strong punches. Whimpering, the  , with bent backs, retreated to their  master.

Then  fired a bullet that hit the 's shoulder, but  did not pay much attention.

Then the  pulled out a  and wounded the  with a few strong stabs. The  began to retreat, accompanied by a spray of bullets from the hunter's .

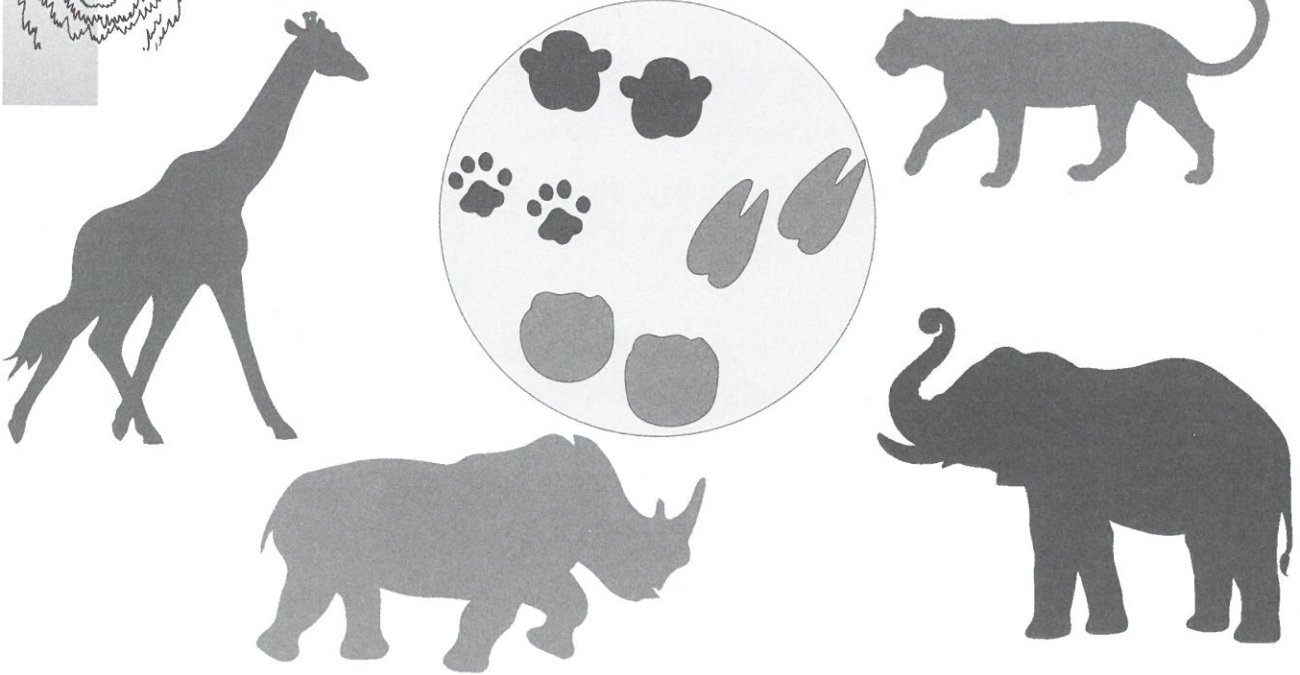
'Do you still think you're the strongest, ?' That was the first question the  asked, when the  reached him. 'No,' said the , 'I do not think so. I have never seen such an animal before. First, he sent about ten guards to destroy me. When I defeated them and tried to jump on the unknown animal and destroy him, he fired a few bullets that burned my face. When I once again tried to pull the creature to the ground, he pulled out one of his ribs from his body and delivered such nasty stabs that I gave up. A few fireballs were thrown at me as a parting shot. No, , give this animal the title and take him with us.'

Lions



Lions have perfect senses that help them trace, catch and kill the prey. They avoid people, like most animals. If, however, they do not find any prey in the wild, they may also catch farm animals. However, scientists have found that if we protect the antelope population, for example, and there are enough in nature, lions do not attack cattle.

Are you a good spoorer? Can you trace the animals in the picture? Assign them the right pugs.



People have hunted lions for centuries, and the lion's skin is used adorn walls of dwellings, like valuable trophies. Now, the last living lion populations live in African national parks and the Gir Forest Reserve in India.

Did you know that even a few thousand years ago, lions lived in _____?