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# GIRAFFES

Read the text and answer the questions.

Giraffes are very tall and beautiful land animals that live on the Africa continent. They can grow up to 19 feet tall. They have a long neck, long legs, and heavy hooves. When giraffes are attacked by lions, they kick off with their hooves so hard that they can break the lions back. Giraffes also have a huge dark tongue that allows them to reach and grab the high leaves or shoots. A giraffe's tongue can measure up to 20 inches long. It is also protected by a hard layer that can not be easily poked by thorns.



- Describe a giraffe's tongue

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- Where do giraffes live?

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- How do giraffes defend themselves from lions?

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