

Disneynature AFRICAN CATS



LION & CHEETAH CHALLENGES

For ages 8 and up



LION OR CHEETAH?

Read the cat facts below, then mark an L for a Lion fact or a C for a Cheetah fact in the circles below.



With strong front legs and muscular shoulders this cat can easily knock down large prey.



This cat can pull its super sharp claws in to protect them from getting worn down while walking.



This cat's tawny coat with black spots helps it blend into grasses.



Excellent night vision (six times more powerful than humans!) helps this cat hunt for food in the dark.



A long, thin, streamlined body shape with a small head helps this cat run faster.



This cat's claws help it grip the ground while running, just like sports cleats.

FOOTPRINTS OF THE SAVANNA

Identify each of the footprints below and write the corresponding number on the line provided.



HIPPOPOTAMUS



ELEPHANT



ZEBRA



LION



CHEETAH



GIRAFFE



1



2



3



4



5



6



6

FUR FUN!

Connect each cat to their correct fur.



1



2



3



4



5

Cheetah



Leopard



Lion



Caracal



Serval



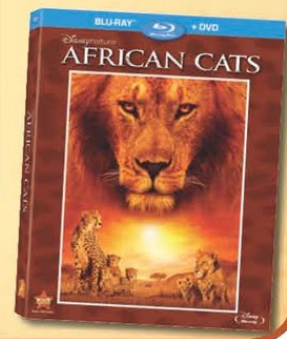
ANSWERS: 1-Leopard 2-Caracal 3-Cheetah 4-Lion 5-Serval

CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO LEARN MORE!

Visit a local library and check out books on lions and cheetahs. You can become an African Cat expert in no time!

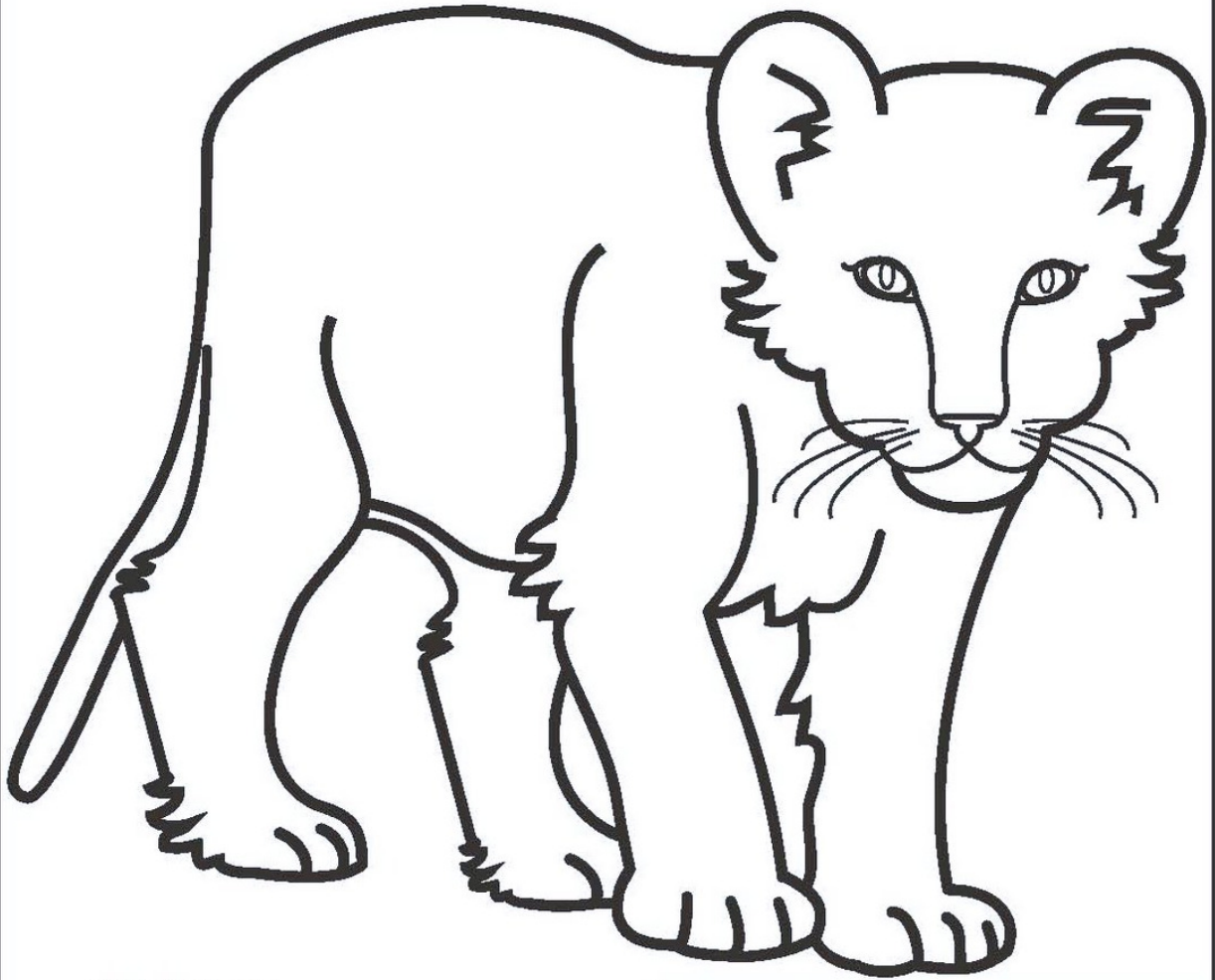
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MEET MARA!

SHE LIVES IN AFRICA!



FUN FACT:

A LIONESS SIGNALS HER CUBS TO FOLLOW HER BY RAISING HER TAIL.

START A WILDLIFE CLUB AT SCHOOL!

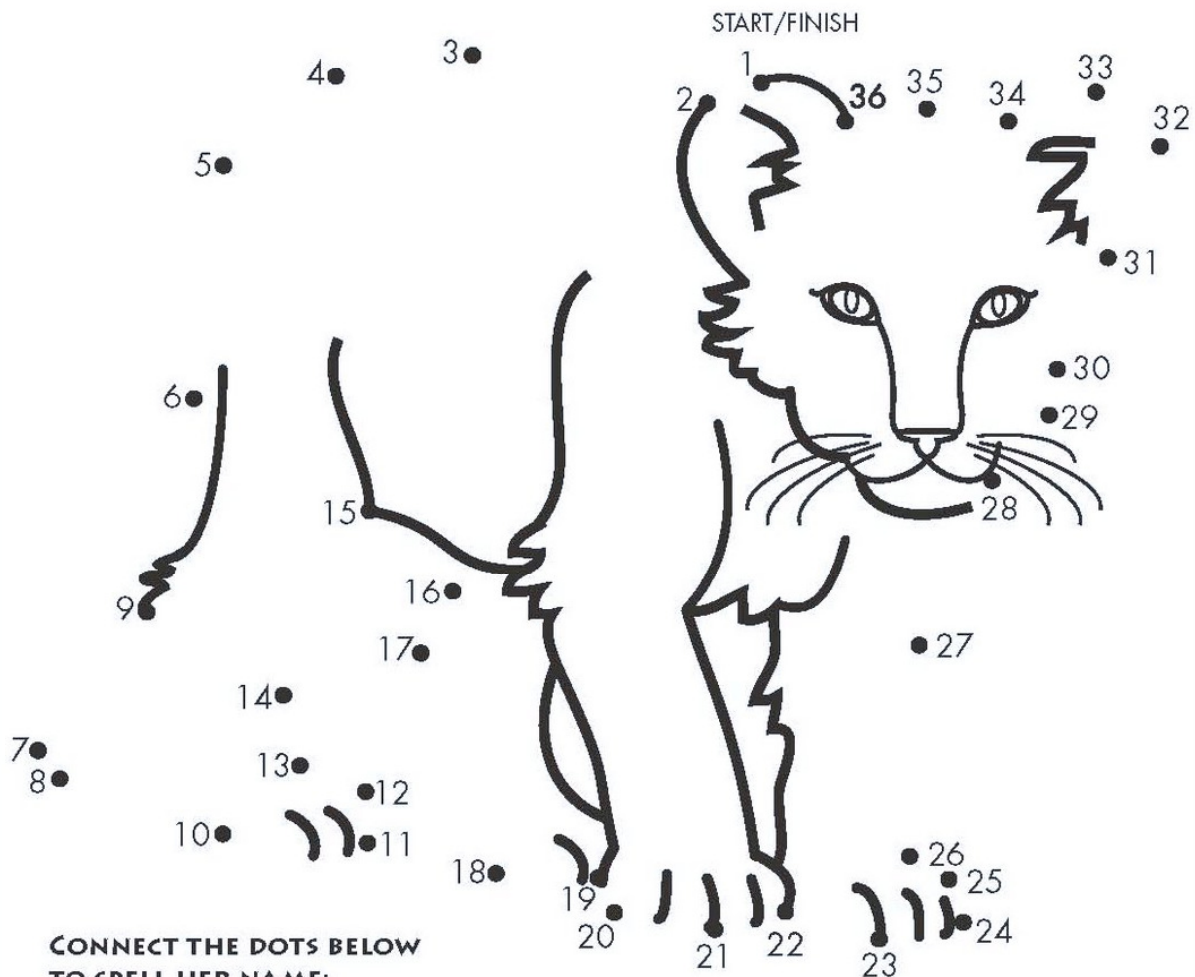
Get friends together and find out ways you can help protect animals like lions and cheetahs and the places they call home.

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CONNECT THE DOTS TO DISCOVER...



MARA

CONNECT WITH NATURE!

Take a family trip to a local park or nature center to learn more
about wildlife in your area!

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CAT HABITATS

The world of African cats and their neighbors is truly amazing. Color this map to discover where these cats live in Africa.

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR HABITATS IN YOUR AREA!

Plant flowers, hang a bat box
or put out a birdbath to create
homes for wildlife in
your community!

LION TERRITORY

Color the countries on the map where
lions live in blue.

- Angola
- Benin
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Congo
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Ethiopia
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Senegal
- Somalia
- South Africa
- Sudan
- Swaziland
- Rwanda
- Tanzania
- Togo
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

CHEETAH TERRITORY

Color the countries on the map where
cheetahs live in yellow.

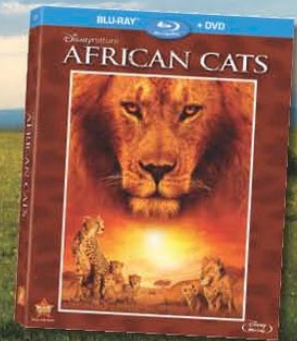
- Algeria
- Angola
- Benin
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Niger
- Somalia
- South Africa
- Sudan
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

LION & CHEETAH TERRITORY

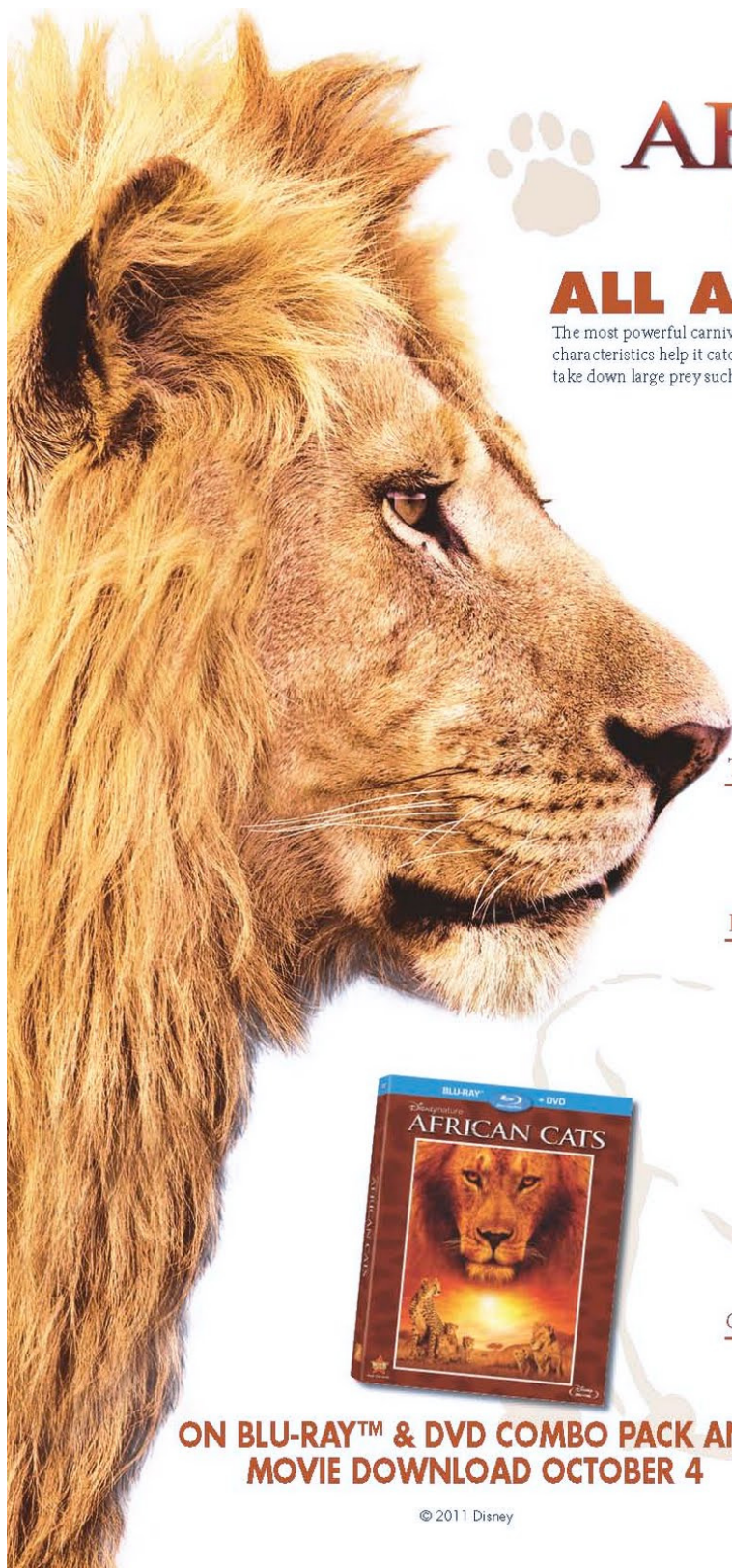
Some countries are home to both Lions and Cheetahs.
Color those countries blue and yellow to make them green.

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ALL ABOUT LIONS

The most powerful carnivore on the African savanna, the lion's physical characteristics help it catch its prey. Female lions hunt in groups, which helps them take down large prey such as zebra, antelope, cape buffalo, and giraffe.

EYES

- Binocular vision and large eyes provide excellent eyesight allowing a lion to correctly judge distances when stalking prey.
- Excellent night vision helps a lion hunt. A lion's night vision is six times more powerful than human eyesight.

EARS

- A lion relies heavily on its keen hearing when hunting.
- Lions rotate and move their ears constantly to listen for their prey when hunting.

TEETH

- The lion's large, sharp canine teeth help catch and kill their prey.
- Scissor-like teeth, or molars, are used to rip off chunks of flesh from prey.
- A lion's tongue is rough and covered with tiny hooks called papillae that help to scrape flesh off the bones of their prey.
- Their powerful jaws help a lion grab and kill their prey quickly.

BONES

- Strong front legs and muscular shoulders help knock down large prey that might otherwise outrun a lion.

FUR

- Solid tan fur helps a lion blend in with savanna grass when stalking prey.

TAIL

- Their long, powerful tail helps with balance.

LEGS

- Short but strong, sturdy legs enable a lion to sprint and catch large prey.

FEET

- The lion's padded paws increase traction while running and allow a silent approach when stalking prey.

CLAWS

- Long, curved claws, like fish hooks, are used to grab and hold prey.
- Lions are able to retract their super sharp claws to protect them from getting worn down while walking.

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**VISIT A LOCAL AZA-ACCREDITED
ZOO TO SEE LIONS UP CLOSE.**

Take this page with you and see how many of these lion adaptations
you can identify!

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SAVANNA SAFARI



HELP MARA
THROUGH THE
MAZE TO FIND
HER MOTHER,
LAYLA.

FUR FUN!

CONNECT EACH CAT TO THEIR CORRECT FUR.



1



2



3



4



5



Cheetah



Leopard



Lion



Caracal



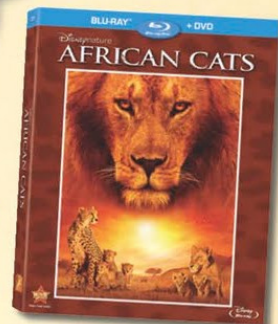
Serval

Answers: 1-Leopard 2-Caracal 3-Cheetah 4-Lion 5-Serval

GO ON A SAFARI IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!

Take along a drawing
pad or digital camera
to capture images of
the plants and animals
near you. You'll be amazed
at the wildlife you discover
along the way!

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