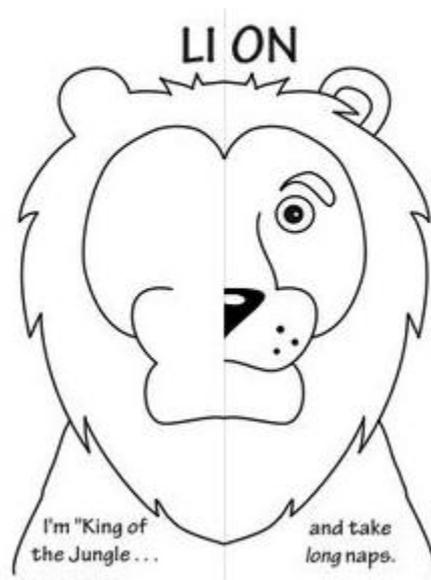


Activities

Complete the Picture



WHEN HIPPO WAS HAIRY

Long ago Hippo lived on the open savanna. He had long silky fur and a bushy tail, which he was very proud of. He especially like to admire himself in the water's reflection.

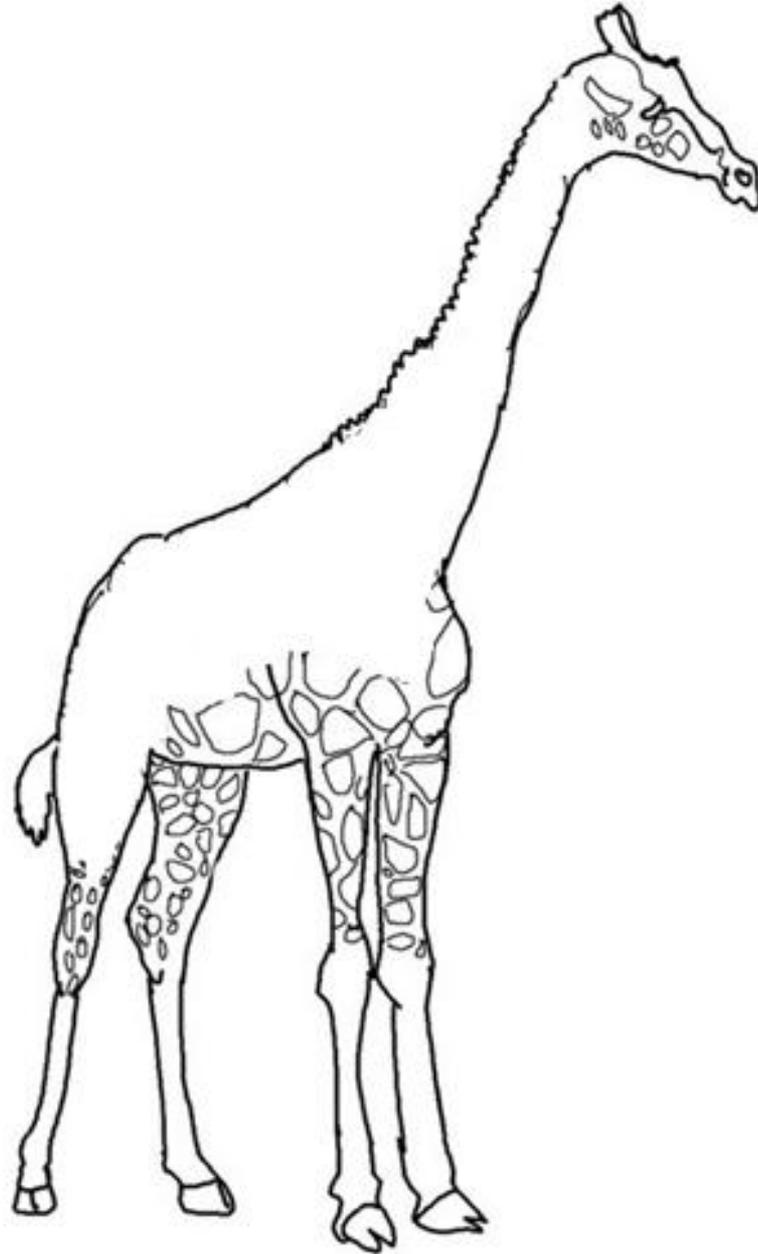
One day the Hare became annoyed at Hippo's vanity and decided to humble him. He led Hippo to a large bed of dry grass, exclaiming, "Such a handsome hippo should sleep upon the finest bed!" Hippo stretched out and fell asleep.

Then Hare lit the grasses on fire and leaped back as Hippo's fine fur was set ablaze. Poor Hippo threw himself into the river to stop the flames. When he climbed out, his fur was burned away, leaving only naked skin and a stubby tail. From then on, the humbled hippo was too ashamed to show his scorched body, and kept to the water ever since.

Answers:

- BOTSWANA
- AFRICA
- FOOTSTEPS
- EAGLE
- LEOPARD
- SHREW
- RHINO
- LODGES
- FAMILY
- UNFORGETTABLE
- FUN
- PUKU
- CROCODILE
- GIRAFFE
- BUSHBABY
- MONKEY
- CHEETAH
- MONGOOSE
- AARDWOLF
- FOX
- ZEBRA
- HYENA
- WARTHOG
- PORCUPINE
- CHAMELEON

X	A	F	R	I	C	A	Y	Q	P	A	C	R	H	N	U	F	P
R	T	P	L	S	D	A	N	A	W	S	T	O	B	I	C	W	O
N	O	U	N	F	O	R	G	E	T	T	A	B	L	E	G	N	R
S	Z	K	J	F	L	O	W	D	R	A	A	U	I	E	U	O	C
P	Q	U	Z	X	A	H	S	Y	C	A	G	S	K	G	L	E	U
E	M	W	M	V	Y	A	E	R	M	T	Y	H	U	I	O	L	P
T	Q	E	A	E	F	L	O	D	G	E	S	B	T	R	N	E	I
S	M	V	N	E	S	O	O	G	N	O	M	A	K	A	R	M	N
T	W	G	R	V	L	C	F	V	K	E	T	B	I	F	C	A	E
O	A	W	O	H	R	E	A	F	N	S	M	Y	S	F	I	H	X
O	S	T	A	H	I	L	O	P	M	T	E	V	I	E	K	C	A
F	M	Y	Q	E	T	N	V	P	C	G	V	R	E	L	G	A	E
C	F	E	O	I	Y	R	O	B	A	C	H	E	E	T	A	H	R
Z	G	K	H	J	K	L	A	V	U	R	F	J	K	S	L	K	L
E	M	N	K	T	R	S	D	W	T	H	D	K	P	H	Q	H	K
B	Z	O	V	E	L	I	D	O	C	O	R	C	V	R	E	F	F
R	D	M	O	U	E	R	Q	K	J	T	E	S	P	E	T	D	O
A	C	Y	E	O	F	A	M	I	L	Y	D	G	J	W	E	N	X



WHEN LION COULD FLY

LION, it is said, used once to fly, and at that time nothing could live before him. As he was unwilling that the bones of what he caught should be broken into pieces, he made a pair of White Crows watch the bones, leaving them behind at the kraal whilst he went a-hunting. But one day Great Frog came there, broke the bones in pieces, and said, "Why can men and animals live no longer?" And he added these words, "When he comes, tell him that I live at yonder pool; if he wishes to see me, he must come there."

Lion, lying in wait (for game), wanted to fly up, but found he could not fly. Then he got angry, thinking that at the kraal something was wrong, and returned home. When he arrived, he asked, "What have you done that I cannot fly?" Then they answered and said, "Some one came here, broke the bones into pieces, and said, 'If he want me, he may look for me at yonder pool!'" Lion went, and arrived while Frog was sitting at the water's edge, and he tried to creep stealthily upon him. When he was about to get hold of him, Frog said, "Ho!" and, diving, went to the other side of the pool, and sat there. Lion pursued him; but as he could not catch him he returned home.

From that day, it is said, Lion walked on his feet, and also began to creep upon (bis game); and the White Crows became entirely dumb since the day that they said, "Nothing can be said of that matter."

Join the Dots



Answers:

- OKAVANGO
- CHOBE
- KALAHARI
- MOKORO
- BUSHMEN
- GAME
- SAFARI
- SAN
- SAVUTI
- LINYANTI
- KUDU
- LION
- LECHWE
- FISH EAGLE
- ODDBALLS
- BAT
- SUN
- ELEPHANT
- HIPPO
- BUFFALO
- FISH
- DELTA
- OWL
- GEMSBOK
- STARS

O	B	U	S	H	M	E	N	C	G	E	O	R	U	S	N	C	P
K	F	B	A	N	O	I	H	D	E	J	D	E	L	T	A	L	U
A	A	E	N	I	K	U	D	U	M	T	D	G	P	A	L	X	K
V	Q	L	W	C	O	I	S	T	S	G	B	A	T	R	T	V	H
A	O	L	A	W	R	K	T	P	B	H	A	U	N	S	M	S	J
N	Y	R	C	H	O	B	E	W	O	J	L	W	F	J	I	P	U
G	A	M	E	E	A	L	M	S	K	K	L	V	E	F	I	D	V
O	T	U	S	U	O	R	I	V	E	R	S	N	L	N	A	M	R
S	F	S	A	F	A	R	I	S	D	L	X	U	Z	H	Q	L	Y
F	C	A	T	V	F	J	E	G	H	F	U	S	N	N	F	P	O
P	T	V	O	W	K	A	K	F	R	I	Y	Z	T	Q	U	E	W
L	E	U	P	N	T	U	S	W	I	S	H	T	A	I	P	E	L
N	W	T	P	M	G	Q	E	L	A	H	J	N	I	S	U	I	E
E	L	I	N	Y	A	N	T	I	N	E	L	E	P	H	A	N	T
Z	E	B	R	I	O	P	O	O	P	A	E	R	D	R	U	M	N
G	P	L	A	S	S	H	T	N	E	G	R	C	F	P	O	X	B
J	V	E	R	Y	I	D	M	E	N	L	O	K	A	P	H	M	P
L	E	C	H	W	E	V	Q	U	K	E	R	U	W	O	P	J	R

WHEN ELEPHANT WAS KING

At the beginning of time, before people lived on the Earth, all the animals of the bush lived together under one king. That king was Elephant. King Elephant was fair to his subjects. Elephant was able to maintain his authority on most of the animals. But Lion was Elephant's rival for the position of King. Lion tried to become King all the time, but no animal took him very seriously. They all knew that the best King was Elephant.

One year, disaster struck. There was no rain, so there was no water for all the animals. One by one the water holes became dry. The situation was so serious that Elephant called a council of all the animals to find solutions. But all the suggestions were either stupid or useless and finally, Elephant suggested that they made a big, new well in the dry river bed. The animals had to work day and night without resting. King Elephant worked more than any other animal, using his two enormous tusks to dig up the well, while the other animals carried away the soil.

Eventually, King Elephant found water and all the animals were incredibly joyful!

Then Elephant made rules so that all the animals could share the water equally. He decided that the animals could only come to drink at sunrise and sunset.

Lion was jealous of Elephant and thought up a plan to destroy Elephant's good reputation and become King in his place. After all the animals went to sleep, Lion went to drink water in the middle of the night. After he had drunk, Lion had a bath and muddied up the water. Then he took some mud and put it on Elephant's feet. Elephant was so tired that he didn't wake up. When sunrise came, all the animals went to the water hole and found that the water was dirty! They were very angry that someone had muddied the precious water that they needed to drink! Lion had forgotten to clean the mud from his paws and coat, but he still wanted to implicate Elephant and make him lose face before his subjects, so he pointed at Elephant's muddied feet. All the animals were shocked. They couldn't believe that their King had deceived them! Elephant was not worried by the accusation. He told Hyena to look around the water hole for signs, and Hyena found Lion's foot prints!

"I do not fly, so, how could I be in the water hole last night?" asked Elephant. All the animals saw that Lion had tried to accuse Elephant and threw him away from their kingdom.

King Elephant was King for a long time. Soon the rains came and life was good. By the time Elephant died many years later, he was the most respected animal in the land. Now Lion had his chance and proclaimed himself King of the Beasts.

Many things changed and the animals of the bush were no longer ruled by a fair and just leader. And many animals whispered:"If things could just be like when Elephant was King!"



WHY THE WARTHOG GOES ABOUT ON HIS KNEES

"Oh, Gogo," little Siphon asked one evening, "could you tell us the story of clever Jackal again?" Siphon, whose nickname was Mpungushe "jackal," never tired of hearing tales of his beloved namesake. "Hawu, Siphon," moaned several of his siblings, "Not again, little Jackal! You will wear out our ears with stories of Mpungushe!" Gogo laughed her deep, round laugh. Soon each of her grandchildren were laughing along with her.

"I, too, love the stories of the Jackal!" Gogo looked at Siphon. "But we do not want to cause your brothers and sisters to become deaf. I think there is another tale that I can tell you of an animal who tried to be as clever as Jackal!"

Warthog had made himself a lovely, spacious home in an old termite mound that an aardvark had cleared out. He had built it up and made a wide entrance. He thought it was the most magnificent home in Africa and would often stand at the entrance of his dwelling with his snout in the air as the giraffe, wildebeest and zebra passed to the watering hole. "Hah," he thought to himself, "no one has such a fine home!"

One day as he looked out from the entrance of his cave he was horrified to see a huge lion stealthily stalking toward him. He started to back away, but because he had made the entrance to his place so grand, the lion would have no difficulty in following Warthog right in. "Ahhhh," panicked Warthog, "Bhubesi will eat me in my own lounge! What will I do?"

Warthog decided to use an old trick he'd heard Jackal bragging about. Warthog pretended to be supporting the roof of his hole with his strong back, pushing up with his tusks. "Help!" he cried to the lion, "I am going to be crushed! The roof is caving in! Flee, oh, mighty Bhubesi, before you are crushed along with me!"

Now Lion is no fool. He recognized Jackal's old ploy straight away, and he wasn't going to be caught out again. He roared so fiercely that Warthog dropped to his knees, trembling. Warthog begged for mercy. Luckily for him Lion was not too hungry. So he pardoned the warthog and left, saying, "Stay on your knees, you foolish beast!"

Lion laughed to himself and shook his shaggy head as he walked away. Imagine, slow-witted Warthog trying to copy Jackal's trick! Warthog took Lion's order to heart. That is why, to this day, you will see Warthog feeding on his knees, in a very undignified position, with his bottom up in the air and his snout snuffling in the dust.