

PRIDE OF THE PLAINS



BACKPACK ADVENTURE

First & Second Grade

Name _____

MISSION #1

Welcome to the Pride of the Plains exhibit! The first animals you will see are beautiful—but they do not move! Look at the statues on top of the rocks and use your ruler to take some measurements.

CHECK WHICH ONE IS LARGER/LONGER

	Baby Lion	Adult Lion	Your Name
Feet			
Head			
Tail			
Legs			
Body			
Teeth			
Ears			

How many baby lions do you see in the statue?

How many adult lions do you see?

What is the mommy lion doing?

MISSION #2

Are you ready to see some animals! As you walk through the Pride of the Plains, count how many animals you can see. The first animals you should see are the **meerkats!**



How many meerkat(s) do you see?

Draw a picture of what one of the meerkats is doing.

Meerkats have sharp teeth and claws and can move very quickly to get food. What do you think they eat?

Grab your thermometer out of your pack. Is it closer to **(COLD)** 40°F, 60°F, 80°F, or 100°F **(HOT)**? (circle one)

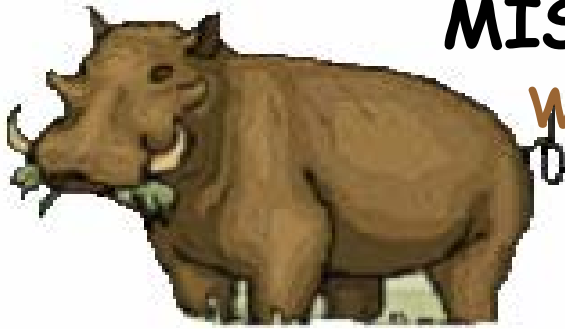
MISSION #3

As you walk through the Pride of the Plains exhibit, look carefully at all of the animals. Below, mark what you think is true for each animal.

	Warthog	Meerkat	Lion	Hunting Dog
Eats meat				
Eats veggies				
bigger than you				
smaller than you				
mostly one color				
many colors				
sleeps a lot				
has a tail				
has claws				
doesn't have claws				

What is something that ALL of these animals share/have in common?





MISSION #4



WARTHOGS!

How many do you see?

I see _____ warthog(s).

Use your binoculars to watch closely and see what the warthogs are doing! Draw a  if they're sleeping, draw a  if they are in the mud, draw a  if they are eating, and a  if they are doing anything else. Watch them for 4 minutes and record what they are doing every minute.

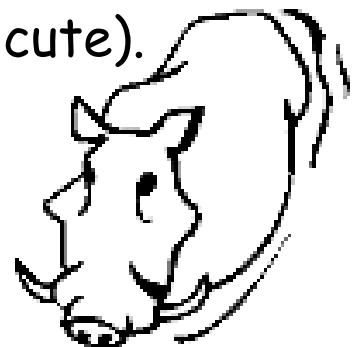
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1 minute _____ 2 minutes _____ 3 minutes _____ 4 minutes _____

Look at your thermometer and see what the temperature is currently.

The temperature is _____ °F _____.

Some people think the warthog is a funny looking animal. Write down some words to describe the warthogs (e.g. brown, & cute).



MISSION #5

LIONS!

How many lions do you see?
Draw a picture of one on the
back of this piece of paper.



Lions sleep a lot more than you or I do during
the day. Can you figure out how much more
they sleep than you?

I sleep _____ hours in a day. A lion
sleeps 20 hours in a day. How much longer
does a lion sleep?

Grab your thermometer out of your pack. Is
it closer to (**COLD**) 40°F, 60°F, 80°F, or
100°F (**HOT**)? (circle one)



Can you tell the
difference between
the boy and girl lion?
What are two ways
they look different?

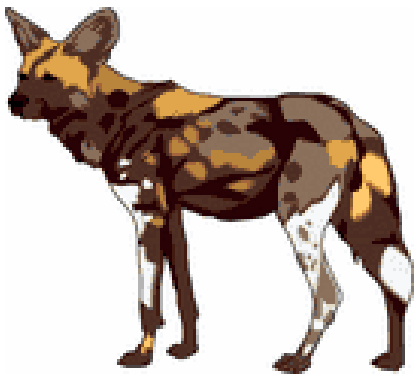
MISSION #6

HUNTING DOGS!

I see _____ hunting dog(s).

How many different **COLORS** do you see on the hunting dogs' fur? What colors are they? Draw a picture of one on the back of this paper.

Why do you think the hunting dog(s) have such **BIG** ears?



You have seen a lot of animals on your journey today! Can you count how many animals you have seen?

MEERKATS _____

+

WARTHOGS _____

+

LIONS _____

+

HUNTING DOGS _____

= _____ **ANIMALS.**