

MEET THE LION

ABOUT ME

I am a lion, a powerful and majestic animal known as the 'king of the jungle'. Male lions have a golden mane and a mighty roar that can be heard as far as 5 - 8 km away!

Can you roar like a lion?

DID YOU KNOW?

Lions are the only big cats that live in social groups called **prides**. A lion's roar is the loudest of any big cat. Male lions grow **majestic manes** that make them look bigger and more powerful.

Do you like being part of a team or group?

KING OF THE JUNGLE

Lions are often known as the 'king of the jungle' because of their majestic mane, commanding presence, and top position in the food chain. Lions live in grasslands and plains, not jungles. The phrase 'king of the jungle' is more about their power in the wild than where they live.

MY NAME

The word 'lion' comes from the Latin word 'leo' and the ancient Greek 'leon'. In Swahili, I am called 'simba', just like The Lion King!

Do you know what your name means?

MY FAMILY

Lions live in groups called **prides**. A pride is made up of lionesses, cubs and 1 - 3 males. We hunt, raise cubs and protect each other.

Who's in your pride (family or team)?

WHY WE ARE IMPORTANT

Lions play a big role in our ecosystem. We help keep animal populations in balance. We usually go after animals that are weak or sick, but we sometimes hunt strong ones too. This helps keep the herds balanced and healthy.

WHAT DO WE LIKE TO EAT?

We are **carnivores**, which means we eat meat. Lions mostly hunt animals like zebras, wildebeest and buffalo.

What is your favourite food?

OUR BIGGEST THREATS

Lions have lost around 90% of their population over the past 100 years, mainly due to habitat loss, poaching and human conflict. It's up to us to protect lions before it's too late!

