

Exploring Africa

This week we are going to create a fact file on one animal that we may find in African Savannah.

Activity 1: Listen to the story One Day On Our Blue Planet...In the Savannah.

Listen to the story and [One Day on our Blue Planet: In the Savannah.](#)

Pick one animal from the story that you would like to write a fact file about.

Activity 2: Organise your ideas

Divide your piece of paper into the follow four sections and write sentences about your chosen animal under the following headings:

1. Food
2. Appearance
3. Habitat (where it lives)
4. Fun Facts

You may find some facts on your chosen animal [here](#). Remember to use capital letters and full stops and try to use 'and' or 'because' to add more details to at least one of your sentences.

<u>Diet (what it eats)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Herbivore or carnivore?• What does it eat?• Describe its teeth	<u>Appearance (what it looks like)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Size and shape• Colour• Special features (e.g. feathers, tail, trunk, horns...)
<u>Habitat (where it lives)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where does it live?• What is it like there? What could you see, hear, feel in it's habitat?	<u>Fun facts</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Record anything else you would like to write about

Finding it hard – Scribe some of your child's ideas if the physical effort of writing is a barrier.

Challenge – Think of some more unusual or interesting adjectives – e.g. large, enormous rather than big. Start sentences in different ways Use 'and' 'because' or 'but' to add details to your sentences.

Activity 3: Present your work (this can be completed over a couple of days.

Read through the ideas you thought of in the 2nd activity. Make sure the sentences make sense and you are happy with the information you have written. Then copy the sentences, using your best handwriting, onto your fact file template.

You may want to use the template on the website or you can choose your own way to present your animal, including...

- Title (name of the animal)
- Headings for each section
- Picture or photograph of the animal

Be as creative as you like.

Challenge – Make sure all your writing is joined up, with clear capital letters, tall letters and tail letters.

Finding it hard – Say your sentence aloud before starting to write. Use the sound mat and tricky word mat (all on our website) to help with tricky words. Use your robot arms to help you sound out words. **Write a section and then have a break!**