

# Teacher Model

## Challenging Cheetahs

Did you know a cheetah's long tail helps it balance as it moves quickly?

**Fascinatingly, cheetahs have enormous nostrils to help them breathe when sprinting.**

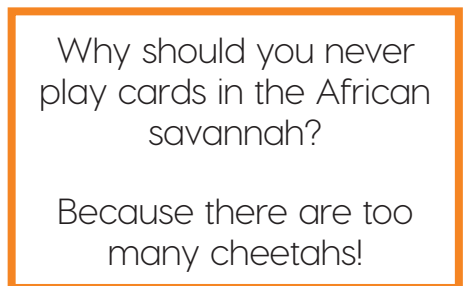
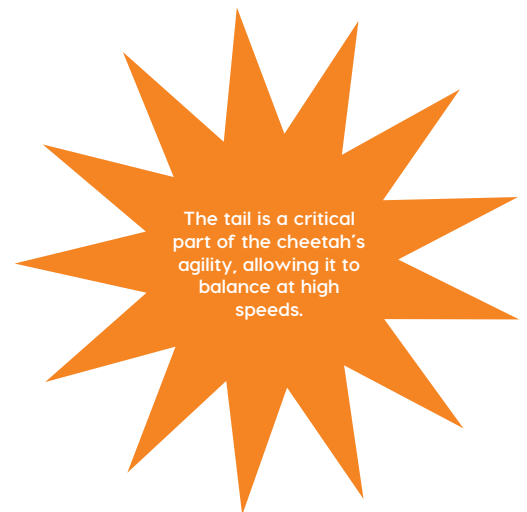
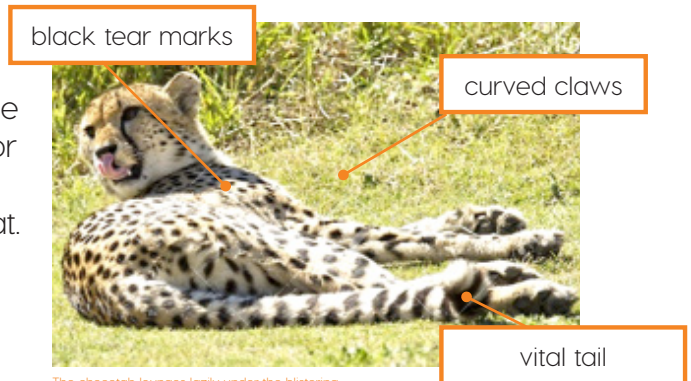
The cheetah is the fastest animal on the planet. It is different from other cats because it has smaller canine teeth to make room for its large nostrils. Cheetahs have the longest tails and are speedier than any other big cat.

### Habitat

A cheetah's home is the savannah. At dawn, cicadas are gently humming in the distance and animals are stretching their limbs. Under the midday sun, the cheetah finds refuge and lazes under an umbrella thorn tree. While the cheetah settles at night, he hears an orchestra of sounds. Swish! Stomp! Squawk!

### The hunt

When a cheetah is getting ready to attack its prey, it can stalk silently until it is 20 metres away. Once the chase is on, the cheetah is as fast as a speeding train. Upon attack, it unleashes the killer claw: curved, sharp and lethal.



If this has sparked your interest, then why not visit your local safari park to get up close and personal with a cheetah?