



TIME FOR A BATH, *Animals*

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ELEPHANTS

Elephants live in hot countries. To cool down, they sometimes have big squelchy mud baths!

Elephants use their long trunks to throw wet mud behind their ears and over their backs.

Have you ever cooled down in a bath or a paddling pool on a sunny day?

The mud keeps them cool, and it also stops the sun from burning their skin.



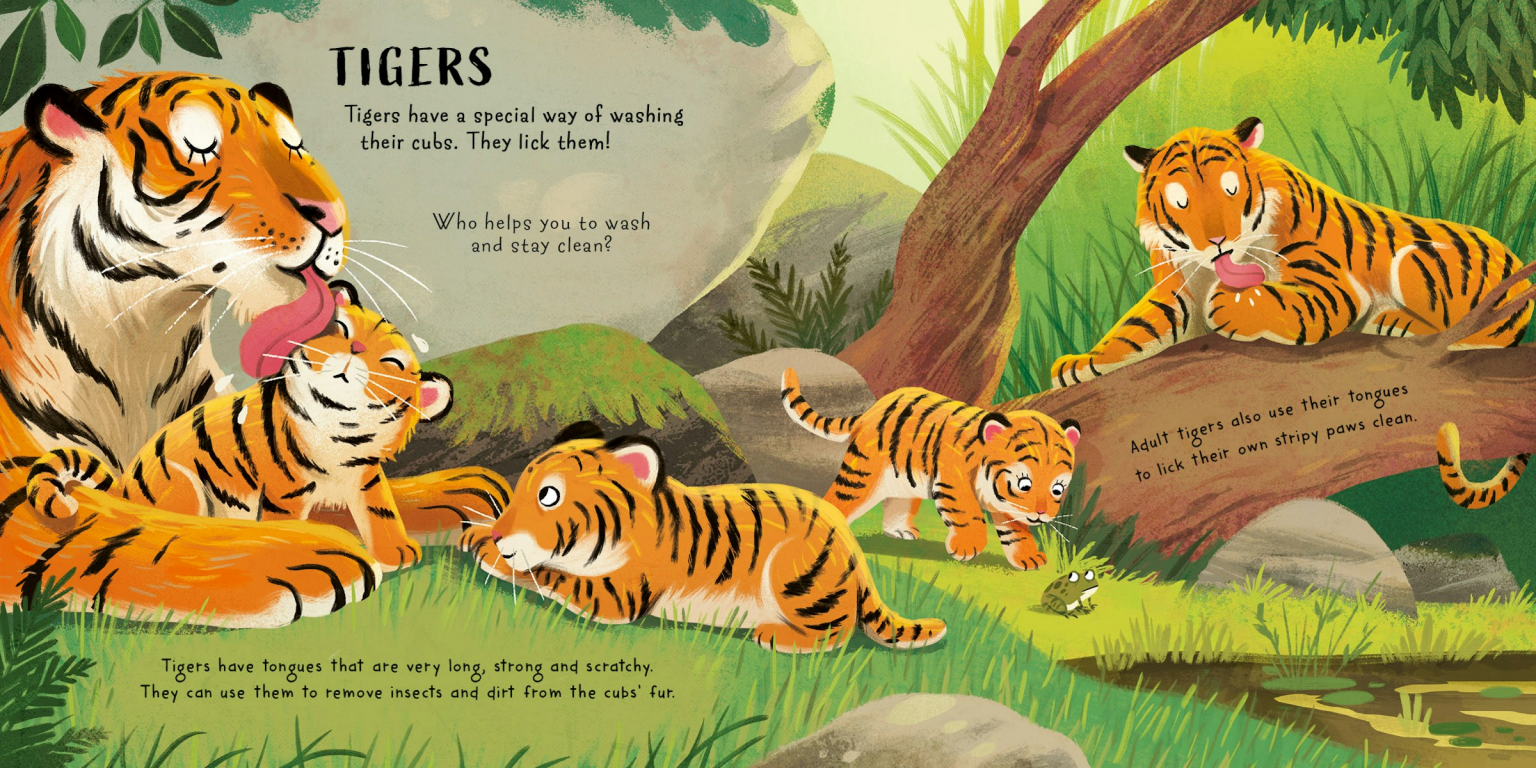
TIGERS

Tigers have a special way of washing their cubs. They lick them!

Who helps you to wash and stay clean?

Adult tigers also use their tongues to lick their own stripy paws clean.

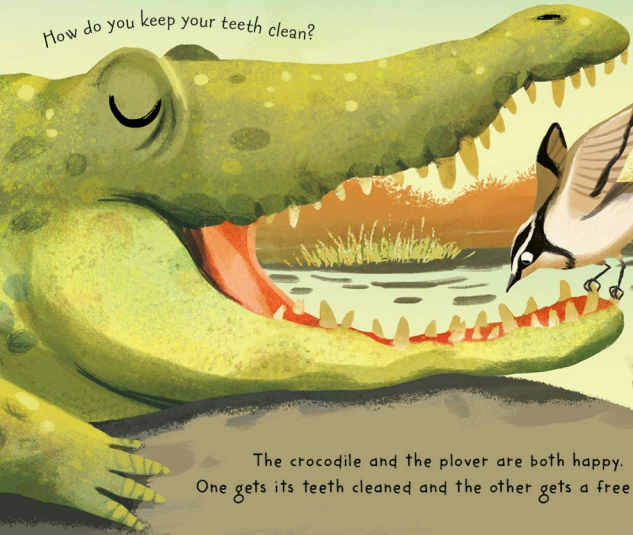
Tigers have tongues that are very long, strong and scratchy. They can use them to remove insects and dirt from the cubs' fur.



CROCODILES

Some river crocodiles have very brave helpers. Plovers are birds which pick out bits of food stuck between the crocodile's teeth.

How do you keep your teeth clean?



The crocodile and the plover are both happy. One gets its teeth cleaned and the other gets a free meal!



Crocodiles have more than 60 sharp, pointy teeth.
How many teeth do you have?

GORILLAS

Gorillas groom each other, picking out insects and dirt from the hair of other gorillas.

How do you keep your hair clean?

Grooming is also a way for gorillas to show friendship to each other.



Gorillas have fingers and thumbs just like we do. They use them to feed, to climb, and to grab and hold onto things.