

• Why do giraffes have long necks?

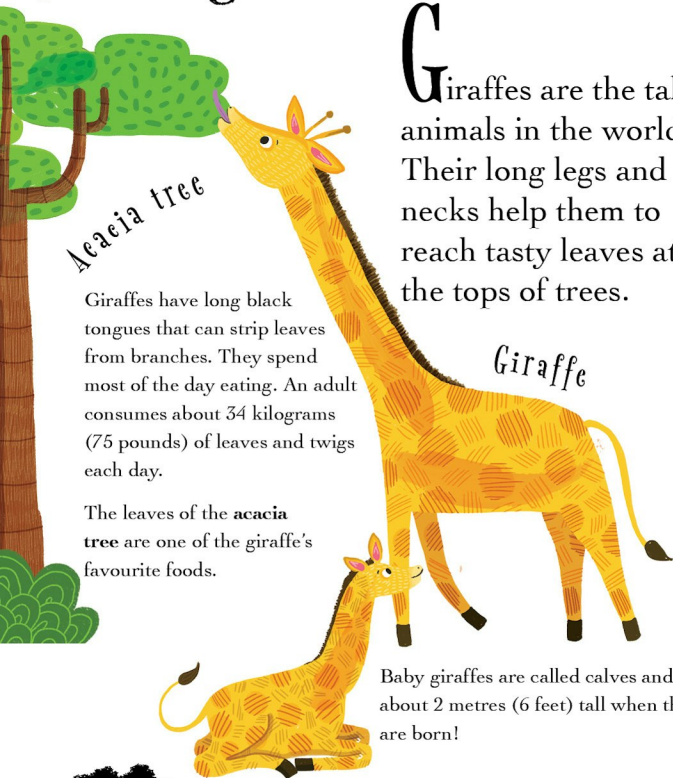
Giraffes are the tallest animals in the world. Their long legs and necks help them to reach tasty leaves at the tops of trees.

Giraffe

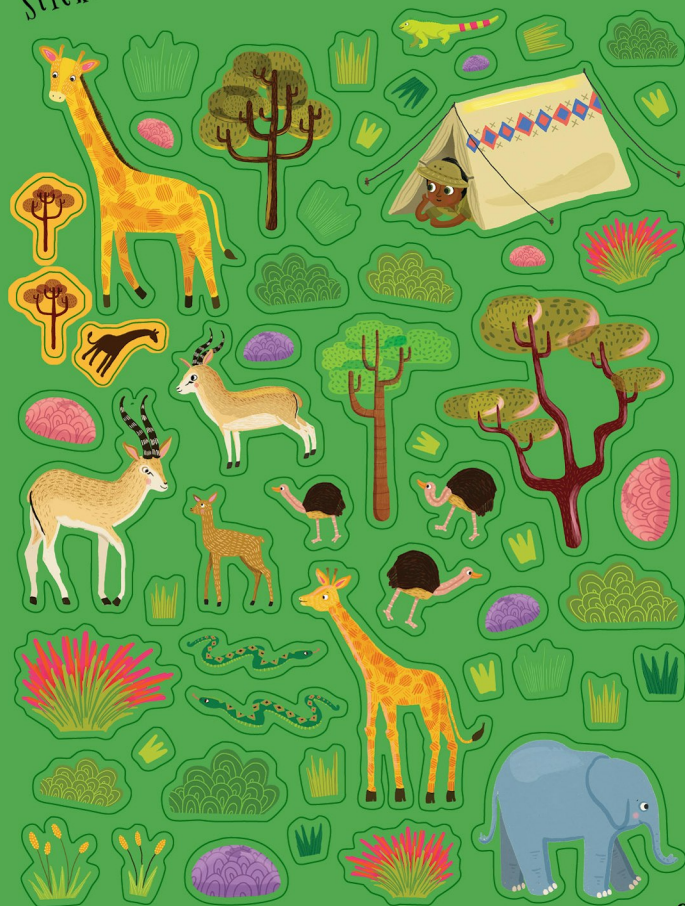
Giraffes have long black tongues that can strip leaves from branches. They spend most of the day eating. An adult consumes about 34 kilograms (75 pounds) of leaves and twigs each day.

The leaves of the **acacia** tree are one of the giraffe's favourite foods.

Baby giraffes are called calves and are about 2 metres (6 feet) tall when they are born!



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