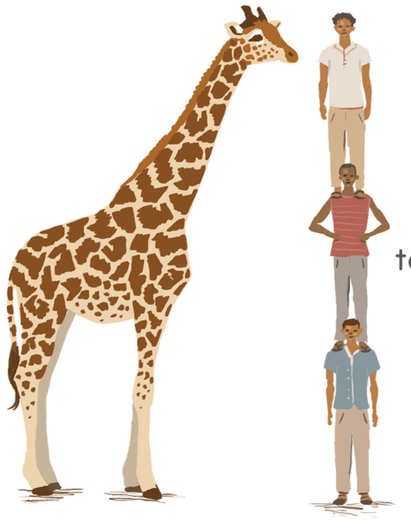
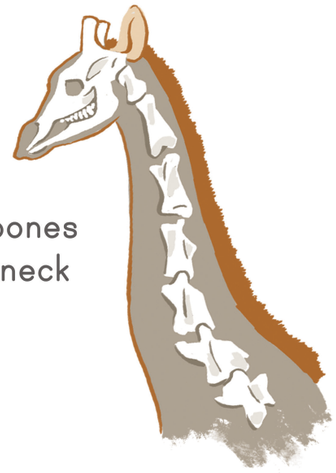
Giraffe Facts!

Wild giraffes live only in Africa, south of the Sahara Desert. They eat leaves of trees and bushes.



Giraffes are the tallest animals in the world. An adult giraffe is as tall as three men standing on each other's shoulders!



Giraffes have the same number of bones in their necks as people, but giraffe neck bones are just much, much longer.

Giraffes do not have horns, which are made of the same material as your fingernails (called keratin). Instead, they have ossicones, which are skin-covered bones that are attached to their skulls.

A baby giraffe can walk within 10 minutes of being born and can run soon after that. A newborn giraffe is more than 6 feet tall - as tall as a grown man - and will double its height within a year.

Giraffes can run more than 30 miles per hour. A baby giraffe is even faster than an adult giraffe over short distances.

There is no other animal like a giraffe anywhere else on the planet. The only other animal related to a giraffe is the okapi, which lives in a very small area of jungle near the Congo River in central Africa and looks more like a horse.

The giraffe is the national animal of Tanzania.

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