

awesome ANIMAL TONGUES

If you've ever been to the zoo, you might have noticed some animals with pretty crazy tongues! Just like us, animals use their tongues to help them eat and make sounds. Here are a few of our favorites:

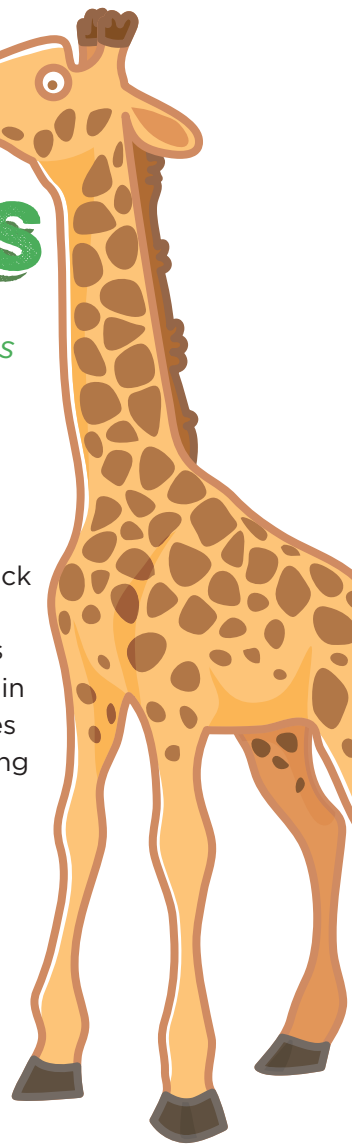


chameleons

A chameleon's tongue can be up to 1.5 times the length of its entire body! Can you imagine having a tongue taller than you? It's also sticky at the end, which allows the reptile to quickly grab bugs and suck them into its mouth.

giraffes

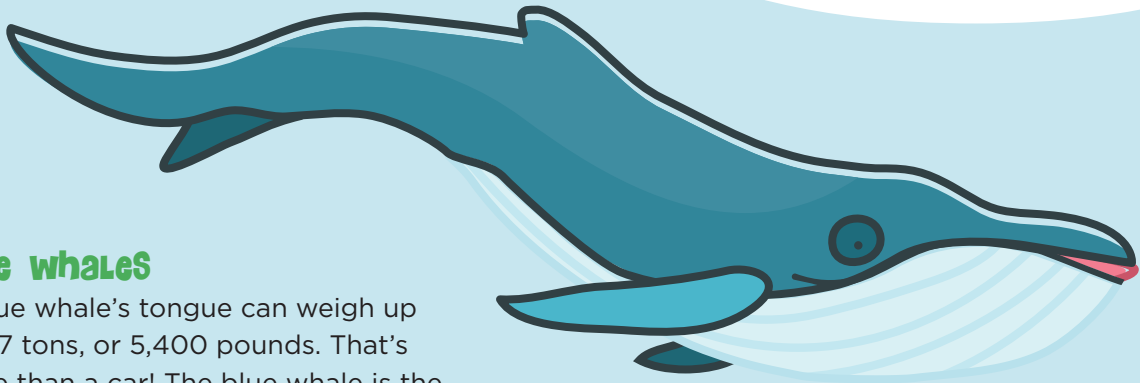
Unlike us, giraffes have black tongues. No, they haven't been eating dirt! Scientists think the color is like built-in sunscreen. Because giraffes spend so much time sticking their tongues out to eat leaves, the dark color may help prevent their tongues from getting sunburned.



anteaters

A giant anteater's tongue can be up to two feet long, which helps it capture ants and other insects to eat. Another crazy fact: A giant anteater can flick its tongue 160 times a minute. That's more than twice per second!





BLUe whALeS

A blue whale's tongue can weigh up to 2.7 tons, or 5,400 pounds. That's more than a car! The blue whale is the biggest animal in the world, so it's no surprise it has the biggest tongue.

TONGUE TWISTERS

Tongue twisters are a great exercise for your tongue – and your brain! A tongue twister is a sentence that has a lot of similar sounds in it, so it's hard to say, like “She sells seashells by the seashore,” or “How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?”

Try to twist your tongue around these tricky sentences! Can you say them without messing up? Can you say them three times fast?

- 1 *How much floss would your boss, Ross, use if your boss, Ross, flossed out food?*
- 2 *Brad brushes his braces before breakfast.*
- 3 *Lucy lost her loose tooth.*

