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TEETH

TILGATE'S TOP 3 CARNIVORE TEETH

In this edition of Nature News we will be looking at carnivores. Carnivores eat meat and are known for their long sharp teeth which help them to rip apart and eat their food. We have asked the team here at Tilgate to name their top 3 carnivore teeth!

1. Tiger teeth

Tiger cubs are born toothless but when they become



adults their teeth can grow up to 3-4 inches. Some types of tigers have canines (the two big teeth at the front) which are up to 6 inches long!! They also have gaps in their teeth which helps them to hold onto their prey more easily. The prey is an animal which is eaten by another animal. A predator, like a tiger, is an animal which eats other animals.

2. Snake teeth

Venom is a special poison in an animals' teeth. Most snakes are not venomous but some, like cobras,



have venom inside their teeth, or fangs. This makes it easier to eat their prey after they have captured it.

3. Shark teeth

Sharks have multiple rows of teeth which help to cut their food. These fall out regularly and the rows behind move forward to replace them.



These carnivores could all certainly deliver a nasty bite! Eek!

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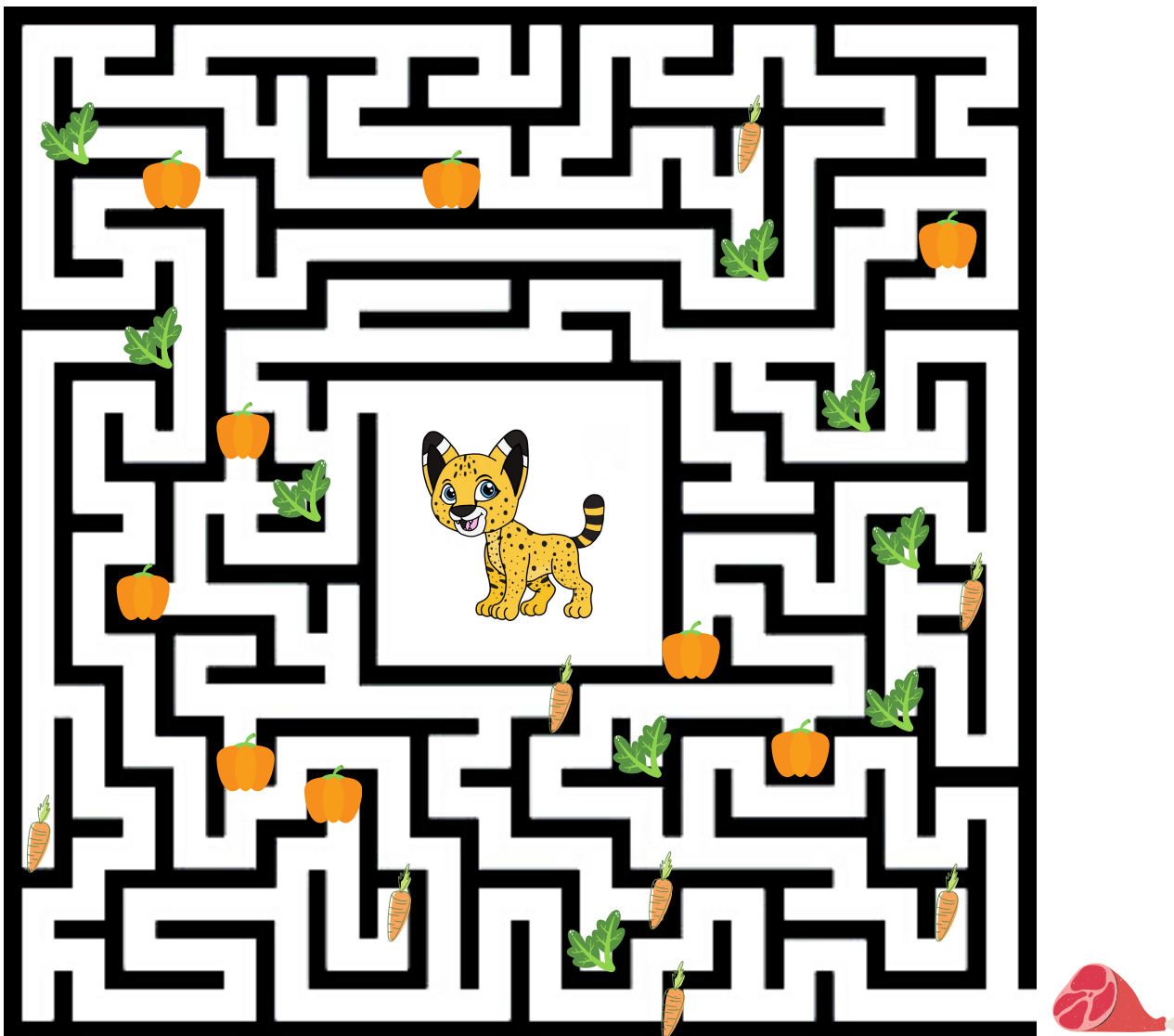
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DIET

SERVAL FOOD MAZE

Kofi the serval is a carnivore and loves his food. He enjoys lots of different types of meat such as small rodents and birds. In the wild he would use his hunting skills to capture his prey.

Kofi is stuck in the maze and trying to get to his dinner. Unlike Alf the Tapir, he is so disgusted by vegetables that he refuses to touch them! Start in the middle of the maze - can you help Kofi find his dinner without walking across the vegetables?



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FOOD CHAIN

PAPER CHAIN FOOD CHAIN

All living things need energy to live. This energy comes from food. As we learnt in The Herbivore Edition of Nature News plants are a source of food for herbivores like Alf the tapir. A food chain would therefore be 'plants/leaves -> tapir'. However the food chain gets even longer when a carnivore is involved as they are predators and eat prey. In this next activity we are going to be looking at an underwater food chain which has 5 stages!

You will need:

- A pencil and some colours
- A glue stick or sticky tape
- Some safe scissors
- The help of an adult!



1. Each strip that you see is part of the food chain. On each paper chain strip you will see the name of the animal (or algae) involved.
2. Draw that animal on the paper chain strip, use lots of colours.
3. With the help of an adult carefully cut out your paper chain strips.
4. Decide who would be eating who? We want the food chain to be in order. Would the shark eat the green algae or do you think they might prefer a bigger bite to eat?
5. Next is the fun bit! Glue or stick your paper chain together. Be sure to stick the loops across so they are all linked. The links will show what the animal is eating!
6. Find somewhere special to hang it up!

Smaller fish

Sea lion

Big fish

Shark

Green algea