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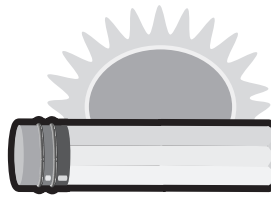
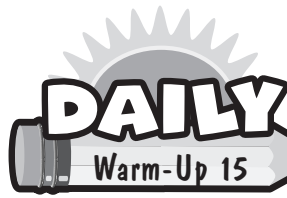


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GIRAFFE

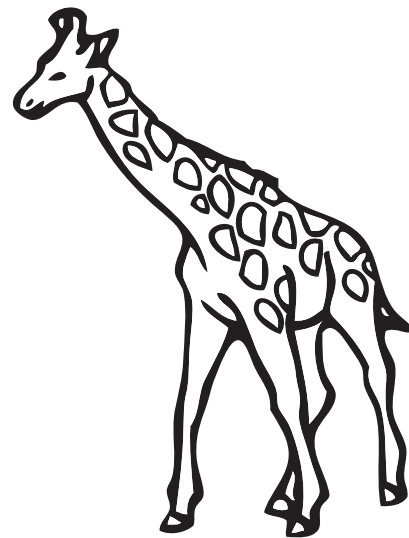
The giraffe is famous for its long neck. We also know it because of its spots.

Wild giraffes live in Africa. They are very tall. They eat leaves high up in trees.

The giraffe has a long, sticky tongue. It uses its tongue to clean bugs off its face. It also has a big heart. A giraffe's heart can weigh 24 pounds!

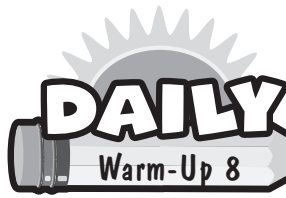
Giraffes can run fast. They kick with strong legs. They need only an hour of sleep each day.

You can see giraffes in the zoo. You can also see them on a trip to Africa.



STORY QUESTIONS

1. The giraffe is famous for . . .
 - a. its long nose.
 - b. its short neck.
 - c. its long tail.
 - d. its long neck.
2. The giraffe uses its tongue to . . .
 - a. eat ants off leaves.
 - b. clean bugs off its face.
 - c. clean its tail.
 - d. run fast.
3. How can a giraffe hurt its enemy?
 - a. It can lick enemies in the face.
 - b. It can run away.
 - c. It can climb trees.
 - d. It can kick enemies with strong legs.
4. Where can you see giraffes?
 - a. in a zoo
 - b. in Texas
 - c. in the mall
 - d. in bed



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ROSA ON THE BUS

Rosa Parks was tired. She had been sewing all day. She got on the bus and sat down, but the bus driver told her to move.

“No,” said Rosa. “I need to sit down.”

The bus driver was mad. Rosa was black. He said it was a rule that she should stand so that white people could sit down.

“No,” said Rosa again.

She was brave. Because of her, people stopped riding the bus. They said that black people should get to sit down, just like white people. They would not ride the bus again until the problem was solved.

Rosa went to court in Alabama, and she won. Now, all people could sit down on the bus. Thank you, Rosa!



STORY QUESTIONS

1. Why does Rosa want to sit down?
 - a. She is black.
 - b. She is white.
 - c. She is mean.
 - d. She is tired.
2. The bus driver said Rosa should stand because . . .
 - a. she is a woman.
 - b. she is white.
 - c. she is black.
 - d. she can sew.
3. In this story, Rosa is . . .
 - a. silly.
 - b. brave.
 - c. scared.
 - d. white.
4. People stopped riding the bus because . . .
 - a. rules were not fair.
 - b. it cost too much.
 - c. Rosa was on it.
 - d. they were tired.