



The Cheetah

A cheetah is a big wild cat found mostly in Africa, though there are some cheetahs in the country of Iran. They live in open areas like African grasslands and savannahs. Female cheetahs usually have large territories and don't mind sharing some of it with other females. Male cheetahs tend to stick to much smaller territories.

Cheetahs have short tan fur and small black spots that act as camouflage. Full grown cheetahs reach between 90 and 140 pounds and can get over four feet long. They are slim with long legs and a deep chest. Their body is ideal for running, and cheetahs are the fastest of all land animals. They can run up to 70 miles per hour, which is faster than you usually travel in a car. It takes a cheetah about three and a half seconds to go from standing still to running 60 miles per hour. Sports cars cannot even accelerate this fast!

1. Write four adjectives that describe the cheetah.

2. In what parts of the world do you find cheetahs?

3. How fast can a cheetah run?
