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How Does a Giraffe Move?

Short Answer Key

1. Pacing is when a giraffe moves both legs on the same side of its body at the same time.
2. Giraffes use their long legs to take large strides, helping them cover ground quickly.
3. Drinking water is risky because giraffes must spread their legs wide, making them vulnerable to predators.
4. Male giraffes use "necking," where they swing their necks and heads to compete for dominance.
5. Giraffes don't climb or swim due to their body structure and long legs.

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Open-Ended Response Answer Key

A giraffe's movement helps it survive by allowing it to reach food high in trees and escape predators quickly.

Challenges include bending down for water and staying balanced when running.

A giraffe might use its speed to escape from a lion chasing it across the savanna.

Giraffes developed this walking style to balance their tall, long-legged bodies while moving efficiently.

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