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## Where Tigers Roam

Tigers are one of the most magnificent animals on Earth. Known for their striped coats and powerful build, these big cats are top predators in the wild. But where do tigers live? Let's explore their natural habitats and where you can find them in the world.

Tigers prefer habitats with plenty of cover, water, and food. They are typically found in forests, grasslands, and wetlands. Dense forests provide tigers with places to hide as they stalk their prey, while grasslands allow them to blend into tall grasses for hunting. Wetlands and rivers are also important because tigers love to swim and need water to stay cool in hot weather. You might be surprised to learn that tigers are excellent swimmers and often use rivers to travel.

Tigers live in parts of Asia, including India, Nepal, China, and Russia. India is home to the largest population of tigers in the world, and they are often seen in national parks like Ranthambore and Sundarbans. In Russia, tigers are found in the snowy forests of Siberia, where they've adapted to the cold by growing thicker fur. Other tiger species live in tropical forests in Southeast Asia, such as in Thailand and Indonesia.

Sadly, tigers are endangered due to habitat loss and poaching. As forests are cut down for farming or buildings, tigers lose the places they call home. People also hunt tigers illegally for their beautiful fur and body parts. However, conservation efforts are helping to protect these amazing animals. Many countries have created reserves and laws to keep tigers safe and allow them to thrive in the wild.

Tigers are vital to their ecosystems, keeping prey populations balanced and maintaining the health of their habitats. By protecting tigers, we protect the forests, grasslands, and wetlands that they—and many other creatures—depend on. Let's work together to make sure these incredible animals can live wild and free.