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INSTRUCTIONS: I am going to read you a passage called *Fast Cats*. I will read it to you twice. After you listen to the first reading, you will be asked to answer a set of questions related to what you have heard. I will then read the passage again. After the second reading, you will be given time to review your answers to the questions and revise them if needed.

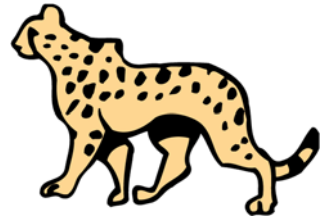
Fast Cats

The Cheetah is a big cat that can run at a speed of up to 70 miles per hour, faster than any other land animal. A Cheetah can go from standing still to 60 miles per hour in about 3 ½ seconds, which is fast than most cars. Cheetahs are tan with small black spots on their backs and sides. They are slender cats with long legs. They can get as large as 140 pounds, and as long as 4 ½ feet. The female is usually smaller than the male, but otherwise they look the same.

Most Cheetahs are found in Africa, but there are also a few living in Iran. Cheetah like wide open areas like grasslands and savannahs. Female cheetahs often share or overlap large territories with other females and hunt alone. Males live and hunt in groups in much smaller territories. These groups are usually made up of brothers, but when there is only one male in a litter, he will typically join an existing group when he reaches maturity. Cheetahs live till about 12 years of age.

Cheetahs hunt at either dusk or dawn for prey such as gazelles, impala, guinea fowl, and hares. Hidden in the grass and camouflaged by their dark spots, they get as close to their prey as they can without being noticed, and then sprint to catch them when they try to run away. Cheetahs eat quickly, as lions or hyenas will try to steal their meals if they can..

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QUESTIONS: Fast Cats

1. What is the Cheetah best known for?

2. What does a Cheetah look like?

3. Where do Cheetahs live?

4. How do the female Cheetahs live?

5. How do the male Cheetahs live?

6. When do Cheetahs hunt?

7. Why do Cheetahs eat quickly?