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Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Science (Biological Sciences)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the information report in their own words.
Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

1 What is a baby lion called?
2 Who does most of the hunting in a pride of lions?
3 What makes tigers hard to see in the grass?
4 When do tiger cubs start to live and hunt by themselves?

Inferential

5 How would lions use their long, sharp claws?
6 How does camouflage help animals to hide?
7 Why does a female tiger hide her cubs in a cave or under a bush?
8 Why are lions and tigers 'clever' hunters?

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Lions and Tigers

Lions and tigers are animals that belong to the cat family.

Most lions live in dry, grassy places with not many trees.



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Most tigers live in hot places.
They can be found in forests and long grass.

Some tigers live in snowy places.





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What Lions Look Like

Lions have big paws with long, sharp claws. Their fur is the colour of dry grass.

When lions are in the grass, they are **camouflaged**, or hard to see. This helps them to hunt other animals.



A female lion hides in some grass

A male lion grows longer hair on his head and neck. This is called a **mane**.



This male lion has a thick mane.

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Lion Cubs

A baby lion is called a cub.
A female lion can have between one and six cubs at a time. The cubs have brown spots on their fur. Their spots make them very hard to see in the grass.



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How Lions Hunt

A family of lions that lives together is called a **pride**.

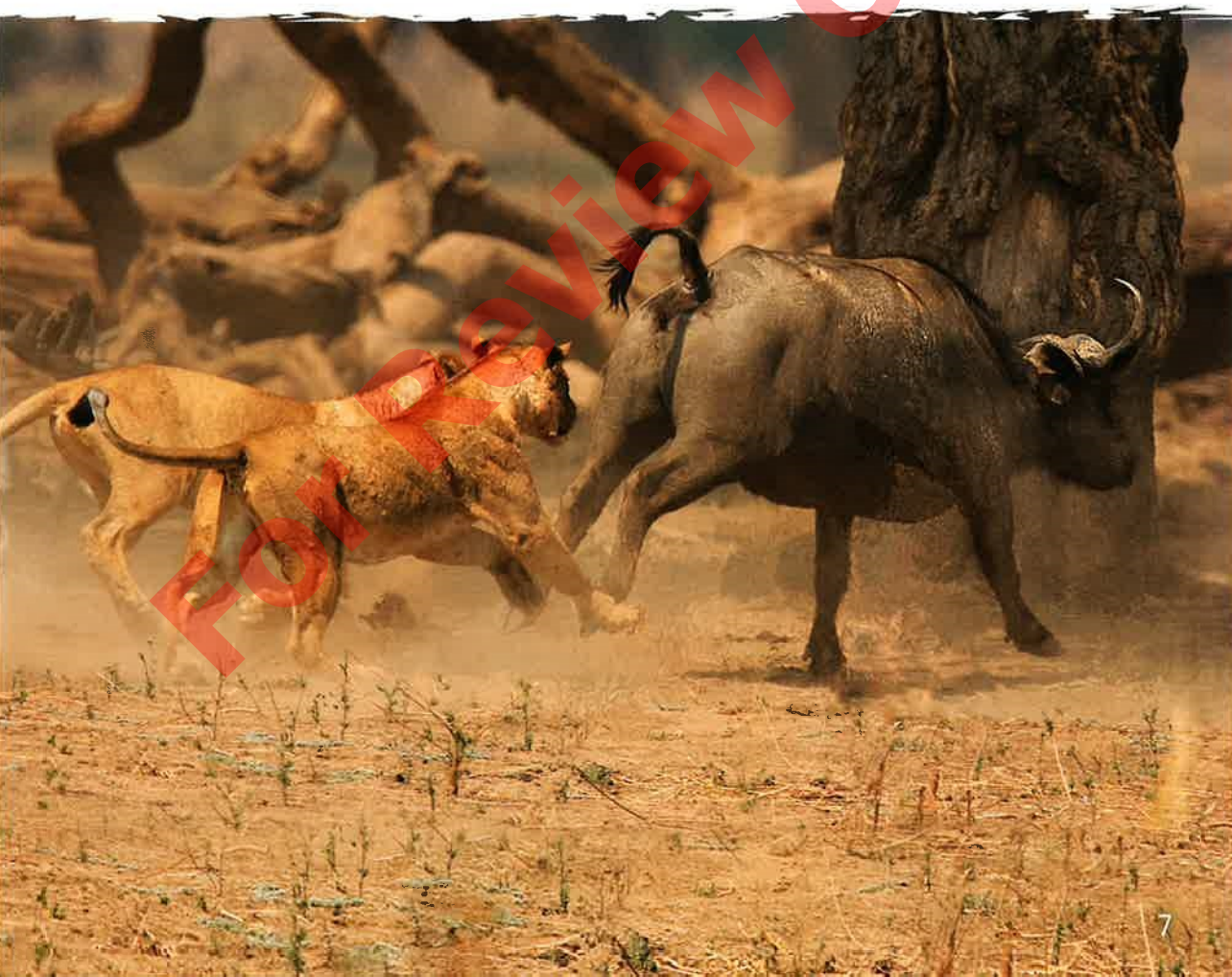
The female lions in the pride do most of the hunting.
They work together so that all the lions in the pride have food to eat.



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Lions can see well in the dark,
and they often hunt at night.

Sometimes, female lions chase a buffalo
away from its herd. Then, they all try
to bring the buffalo down together.



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