

Video: *The Best of African Savannah* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0OVP5GrbFw>)

“A savanna or savannah is a mixed woodland grassland ecosystem characterised by the trees being sufficiently widely spaced so that the canopy does not close. The open canopy allows sufficient light to reach the ground to support an unbroken herbaceous layer consisting primarily of grasses”.

***Answer these questions in your Africa packet on the back of Ch. 12 crossword**

LIONS

- 1) What is a group of lions called?
- 2) What is the male's role during mating season?
- 3) What is a herbivore?
- 4) Why are there so many herbivores in this region?
- 5) Who is the hunter for the lions?
- 6) Why are the cubs invited to eat the latest catch?
- 7) How many kilograms of meat do the adult female & male lions need to eat per day?
- 8) How long do the lion cubs only have milk?
- 9) When are the cubs completely weaned?
- 10) At what age are they expelled from the group to find their own?
- 11) What two animals kill about 50% of cubs before they are a year old?

ELEPHANTS

- 12) Why do elephants travel in the morning in search of plants to eat?
- 13) What is a matriarch?
- 14) How many muscles does the trunk have?
- 15) How long is a female pregnant?
- 16) How many liters of water is a minimum they need per day?
- 17) Why is bathing or spraying dust so important?
- 18) Why is a lioness referred to as a mother, nanny, & godmother?

ZEBRAS

- 19) What is a male zebra called? A female?

GIRAFFES

- 20) How many meters off the ground is a giraffe's head?
- 21) Why do giraffe's rarely eat grass?
- 22) How are giraffes able to bend their bodies in crazy positions without getting light-headed?
- 23) What tree provides all the vitamins the giraffes need?

IMPALAS

- 24) What physical trait do the males have that the females are attracted to?
- 25) What is the male called?

REFLECTION

- ** 26) What is the main thing all the wild animals have in common in the Savannah region?

