My Giraffe Fact File

Read the giraffe fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a giraffe

Giraffe facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. browser ____	A. the two horn-like bumps on a giraffe's head
2. ossicones ____	B. an animal that eats leaves and twigs from trees and bushes
3. herbivore ____	C. an animal that eats only plants
4. species ____	D. a group of living things that can have young together
5. vertebrae ____	E. the bones that make up the neck and backbone

The most amazing thing I learned about giraffes

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Answer Key

Giraffe Fact File

Giraffe facts

Scientific name:	Genus Giraffa (4 species)
Size:	Up to about 18 ft (5.5 m) tall
Weight:	Up to about 3,000 lb (1,360 kg)
Lifespan:	About 15–20 years
Diet:	Leaves and twigs, mostly acacia
Habitat:	Savannas and open woodlands
Where:	Africa south of the Sahara
Status:	IUCN Vulnerable (2016 assessment)

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–B, 2–A, 3–C, 4–D, 5–E

Wow facts to share

- A giraffe's tongue is about 18 inches (46 cm) long.
- A newborn giraffe is about 6 feet tall and walks within an hour.
- A giraffe's neck has seven bones, the same number as yours.