My Hyena Fact File

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

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a hyena

Hyena facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. clan ____	A. an animal that hunts and eats other animals
2. scavenger ____	B. the body of a dead animal
3. predator ____	C. an area an animal or group lives in and defends
4. carrion ____	D. an animal that eats dead animals it did not kill
5. territory ____	E. a family group of spotted hyenas that shares a territory

The most amazing thing I learned about hyenas

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Answer Key

Hyena Fact File

Hyena facts

Scientific name:	Crocuta crocuta (spotted hyena)
Size:	Body 3–5.4 ft; up to 3 ft tall
Weight:	About 90–180 lb (40–82 kg)
Lifespan:	Up to about 20 years in the wild
Diet:	Wildebeest, zebra, antelope, carrion
Habitat:	Savanna, grassland, open woodland
Where:	Africa south of the Sahara
Status:	IUCN Least Concern (spotted)

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

Word match

1–E, 2–D, 3–A, 4–B, 5–C

Wow facts to share

- Spotted hyenas hunt most of their food. They are not just scavengers.
- In a spotted hyena clan, the females are bigger and in charge.
- A hyena's whoop can be heard more than 3 miles (5 km) away.