

# African Animals



# Aim

- I can understand some of the main animals that live in Kenya.

# Success Criteria

- I can name 5 animals that live in Kenya.
- I can tell my partner 2 reasons why animals migrate (move).
- I can explain why animals are important to Kenya.
- I can explain what 'endangered' means and why animals in Kenya might be endangered.

# Key Words



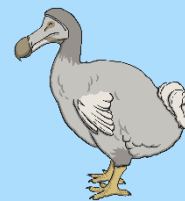
'Big Five'



tourists



endangered  
species



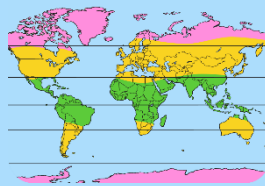
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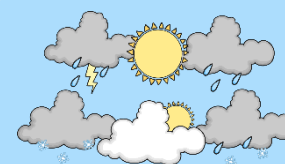
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habitat



climate



weather



migrate



How many African animals can you list in 30 seconds?

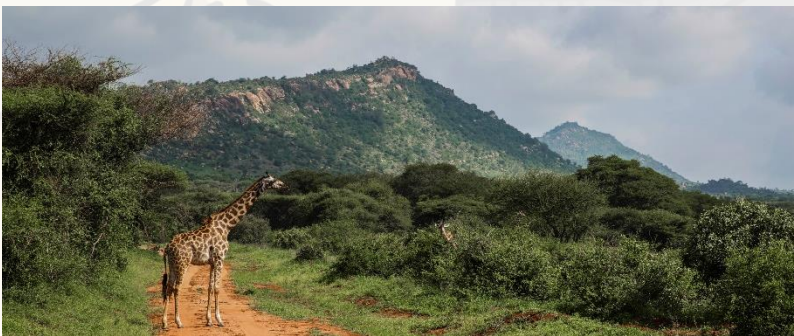


# What Can You Remember?

What is a national park?

What is a game reserve?

What is the difference?



National parks and game reserves are all very different in Kenya. They have different climates, weather and landscapes. This affects the animals that might be found there and the habitats that they make.

# Magical Migration

## What does migrate mean?

- In Kenya, animals migrate (move) from one place to another, across the land.
- Animals migrate for many reasons, such as to find food, water or shelter.

In Kenya, there is a very well-known, huge migration of wildebeest each year. Over two million animals migrate from the Serengeti National Park to the Maasai Mara National Reserve during July to October, covering 2000 miles!

The wildebeest even have to cross the Mara River, where crocodiles prey on them!



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# Magical Migration

Watch this video about the wildebeest migration.



Why do animals migrate? What problems might they face?

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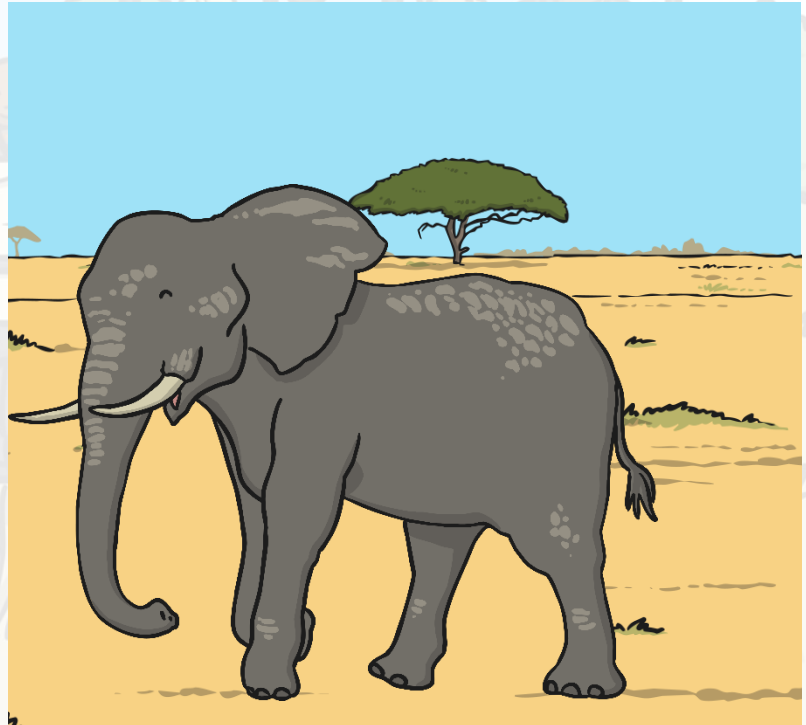
National parks and game reserves are home to thousands of different species. Thousands of tourists visit Kenya each year to go on safari, to explore the magnificent landscapes, observe the wildlife and experience the climate.

Why do you think animals are important to Kenya?

Why are tourists important to Kenya?

One of the main reasons tourists visit is to see the 'Big Five'.

What are the 'Big Five'?



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The Big Five is a name given to the largest and most dangerous African animals: lion, leopard, African elephant, rhinoceros and Cape buffalo. The Big Five name was also given by hunters to name the five most difficult animals to hunt on foot.

Watch this video clip about African animals.



Write or draw five animals that you can see.

**Challenge:** Which of the 'Big Five' did you spot?



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## Endangered Species

Some animals in Kenya (and in other worldwide countries) can be endangered.

What is an endangered species?

Can you name any endangered species?



An endangered species is a species of animal or plant that is at risk of becoming extinct.

This could be because of their habitats being destroyed, hunting by humans and a change in the climate.



**black rhino**

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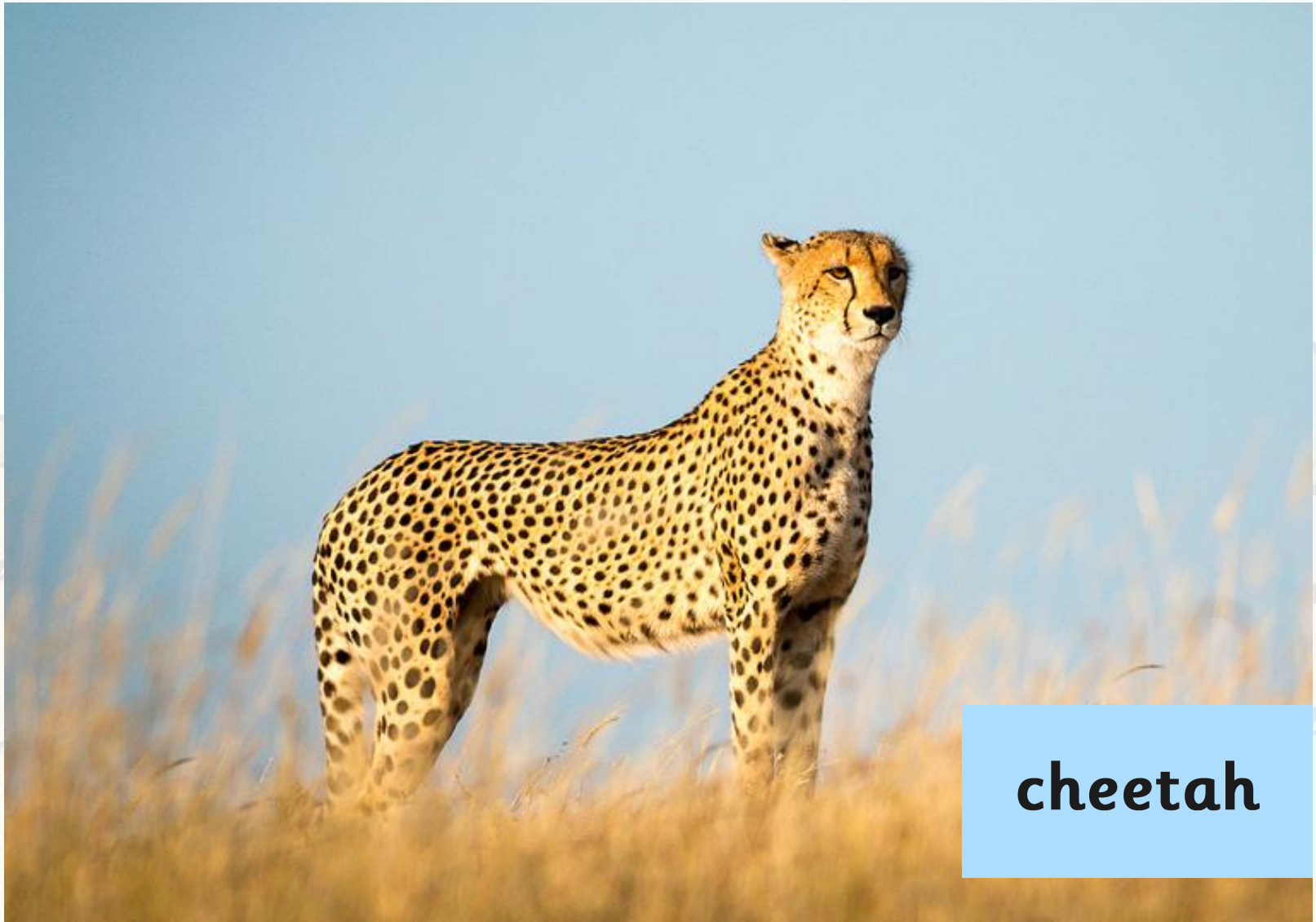
**Brown spider monkey**

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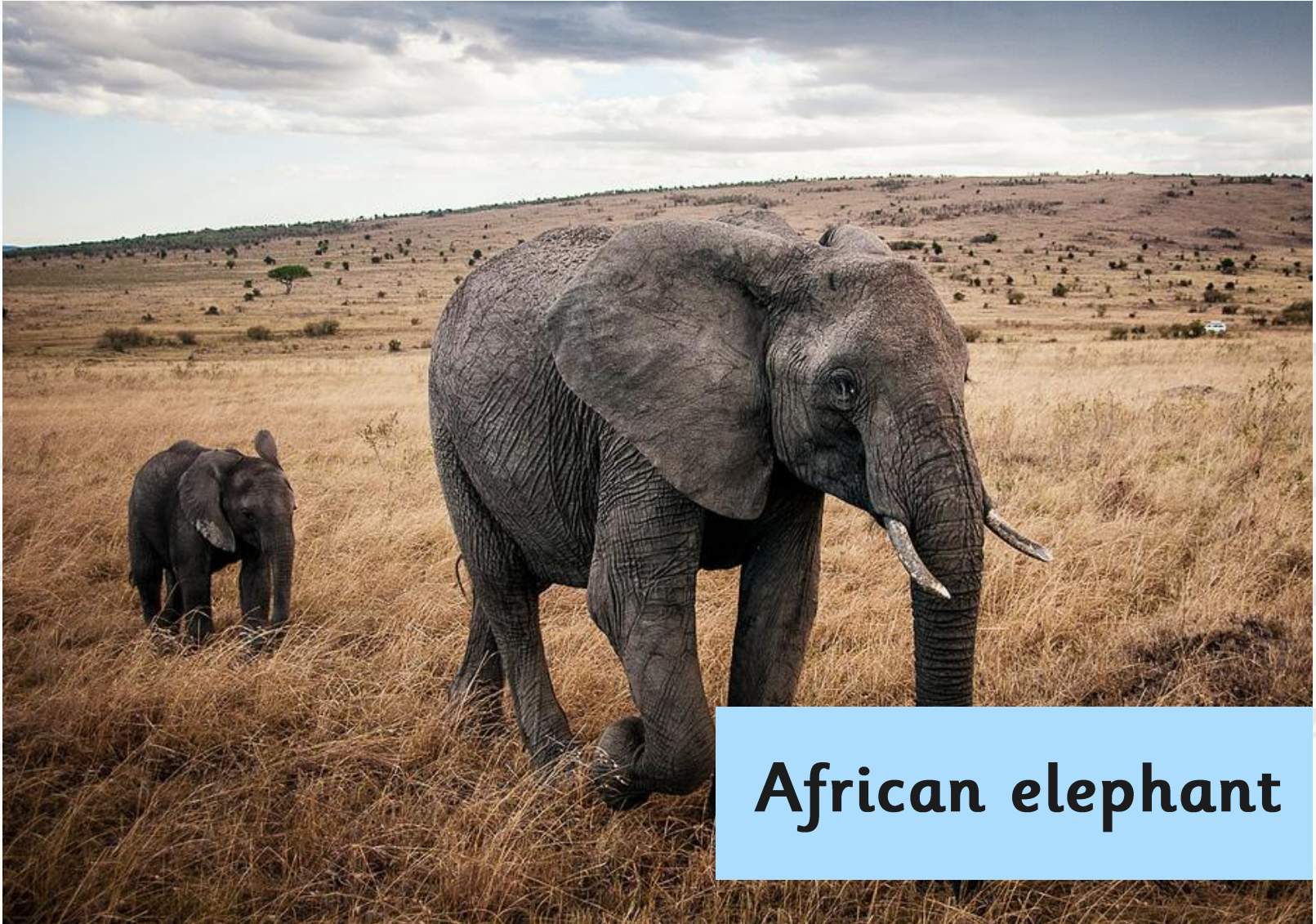
**African Lion**

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**cheetah**

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**African elephant**

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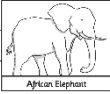
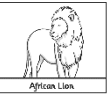
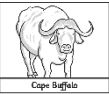
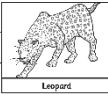
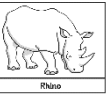


**Grevy's zebra**

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# The Big Five

- You are going to research one of the 'Big Five' animals.
- Use your Big Five Research Activity Sheet to collect ideas.
- Present your findings to your family.
- We will share what you have found out on our Teams meeting on Thursday so be ready!

| The Big Five Research Sheet   | Big Five Research Sheet   | Big Five Research Sheet   | The Big Five Research Sheet  | Big Five Research Sheet  |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| <br>African Elephant | <br>African Lion | <br>Cape Buffalo | <br>Leopard | <br>Rhino |
| Name: _____   | Name: _____   | Name: _____   | Name: _____  | Name: _____  |
| Where: _____  | Where: _____  | Where: _____  | Where: _____   | Where: _____   |
| Height: _____   | Height: _____   | Height: _____   | Height: _____  | Height: _____  |
| Weight: _____   | Weight: _____   | Weight: _____   | Weight: _____  | Weight: _____  |
| Food: _____   | Food: _____   | Food: _____   | Food: _____  | Food: _____  |
| Special features: _____   | Special features: _____   | Special features: _____   | Special features: _____  | Special features: _____  |
| Anything else: _____  | Anything else: _____  | Anything else: _____  | Anything else: _____   | Anything else: _____   |




# The Big Five



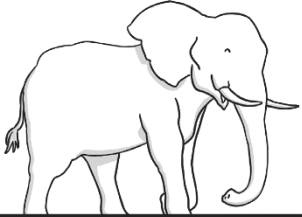
## The Big Five Research Sheet

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|---------------------------|--|---|
| Size:                     |  |  |
| Weight:                   |  |   |
| Lifespan:                 |  |   |
|                           |  | <b>African Lion</b>   |
| Habitat (where it lives): |  |   |
| Food:                     |  |   |
| Special features:         |  |   |
|                           |  |   |
| Amazing facts:            |  |   |
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## The Big Five Research Sheet

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|---------------------------|--|---|
| Size:                     |  |  |
| Weight:                   |  |   |
| Lifespan:                 |  |   |
|                           |  | <b>African Elephant</b>   |
| Habitat (where it lives): |  |   |
| Food:                     |  |   |
| Special features:         |  |   |
|                           |  |   |
| Amazing facts:            |  |   |
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