

The Wonder of the Great African Savannah

Learning objective: To identify the features of a non-chronological report and retrieve information from a text.

Read the report about the African Savannah carefully and answer the questions below in full sentences.

The African Savannah is a vast, tropical grassland that covers nearly half of the African continent. This unique ecosystem is famous for its warm climate and distinct wet and dry seasons. During the dry season, the landscape turns golden, and many plants become dormant to save water. In the wet season, the vegetation thrives, providing lush food for herbivores like zebras and elephants.

Animals in the savannah have adapted in clever ways. Predators, such as lions, use the tall, golden grasses as camouflage to stalk their prey. Meanwhile, animals like the elephant play a vital role in the environment by digging for water during droughts, which helps other species survive. Conservationists, like our friend Leo the Lion, work hard to protect these habitats. Because the savannah is so wide, it is home to thousands of different insects, birds, and mammals. Protecting this land ensures that these magnificent creatures have a safe place to live and grow. It is a busy, beautiful world where every creature has an important job to do to keep the cycle of life moving.

Word bank: habitat · savannah · ecosystem · predator · vegetation · climate

1. According to the text, what are the two main seasons experienced in the African Savannah? (2 marks)

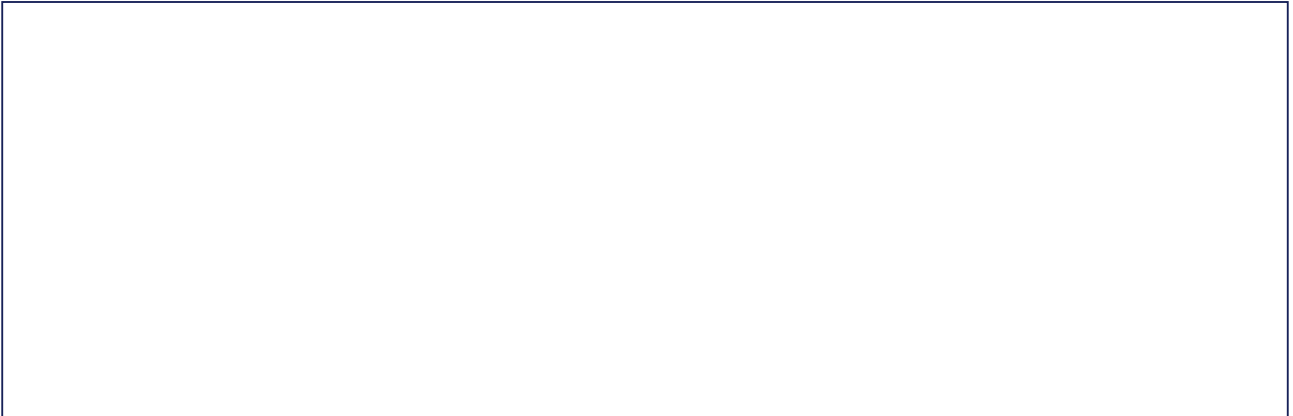
2. What do predators, such as lions, use the tall grass for? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the author describes the elephant as playing a 'vital role' in the environment? (2 marks)

4. Based on the text, why does the landscape change colour between the seasons? (2 marks)

5. Do you think the savannah is an easy place for animals to live? Explain why using evidence from the text. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of the African Savannah showing one herbivore and one predator, including details like the tall grass and the golden landscape mentioned in the report.



Extension challenge: Research one animal that lives in the savannah and write a short paragraph, using subheadings, about what it eats and how it survives.