WILD CLASSROOM

IDENTIFYING TIGER STRIPES!

Each individual tiger has a stripe pattern that is unique to it, similar to the way humans have their very own set of fingerprints! In the same way that we can identify different people through fingerprint patterns, scientists can identify different tigers by their stripe patterns.

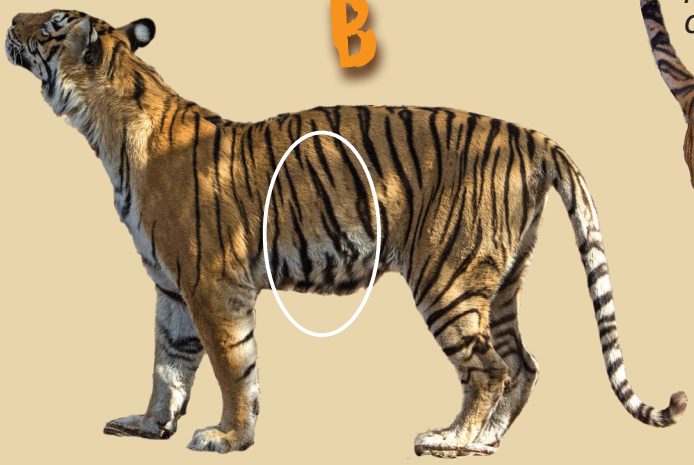
When scientists use camera traps to take photos of tigers in the wild, the photos are collected and analyzed to keep track of which tigers have been photographed moving through that forest previously, and which tigers are new.

COULD YOU IDENTIFY A TIGER FROM ITS STRIPES?

There are three different tigers on this page; each tiger is featured in two photos. Use the hints provided in the circles to match each lettered tiger in the first row to the numbered tiger in the second row with the same stripe pattern.

A

B



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Hint: It's not always about the stripes. Check out the floppy ear!

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