

Story starter!



The gazelle bowed their heads and plunged enthusiastically into the feeding bowl. It had just been raining, and the deep, golden brown of their fur had a beautiful sheen to it, which glistened in the light of the awakening sun.

As they ate greedily, their long, twisted horns slithered up towards the sky like snakes. Their underbellies were white, like unblemished canvasses of a great painter, and their ever-watchful eyes were black like coals.

Every now and then, the animals swished their short, dark-coloured tails to ward off any flies that were pestering them. Their ears swivelled from side to side like mini satellite dishes, listening out for the tell tale sign of a stalking predator.

Question time!



- ▶ What animals can you see in the picture?
- ▶ Where do you think animals like this live?
- ▶ What food do you think they eat?
- ▶ What other animals might live in the same place as these?
- ▶ What predators do you think these animals fear?
- ▶ What's the difference between a herbivore and a carnivore?
- ▶ Into which of these categories do humans fit?
- ▶ If you could be any animal for a day, what would it be?

Sentence challenge!



A simile is a figure of speech involving the comparison of one thing with another thing of a different kind, used to make a description more emphatic or vivid.

Can you find any similes in the story starter?

Can you write similes to describe different parts of the gazelle's body?

Sick sentences!

These sentences are 'sick' and need help to get better. Can you help?

- ▶ The gazelle had brown fur.
- ▶ The gazelle had long horns.
- ▶ The gazelle had small eyes and ears.
- ▶ The gazelle had a white belly.



Perfect picture!

Can you draw a picture of another animal that might live in Africa with the gazelle?

