

All About Tigers

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| 1. Title | 4. Information divided into sections |
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1. Use of a plural noun formed by adding –s to the end of a word.
2. Sentence correctly punctuated with a capital letter at the beginning.
3. Use of an adjective ending with –est.
4. Sentence correctly punctuated with a full stop.
5. The /k/ sound spelt ck.
6. The /aʊ/ sound spelt ow.
7. Use of a word ending with the suffix –ing (where no change is need to the root word).
8. The /tʃ/ sound spelt tch.
9. Words correctly separated with spaces.
10. Sentence correctly punctuated with a question mark.
11. Use of capital letter for a place name.
12. Use of a compound word.
13. Clauses joined using the word ‘and’.
14. Use of a word beginning with the prefix un- (where no change is need to the root word).
15. The /i:/ sound at the end of a word spelt –y.
16. Use of a word ending with the suffix –ed (where no change is need to the root word).
17. The /u:/ sound spelt oo.
18. The correct spelling of Common Exception words.
19. The /w/ sound spelt wh.
20. The /i:/ sound spelt ea.
21. Use of a third person singular verb formed by adding –es to the end of a word.
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23. Use of an adjective ending with –er (where no change is need to the root word).
24. Sentence correctly punctuated with an exclamation mark.
25. The /v/ sound spelt ve at the end of a word.