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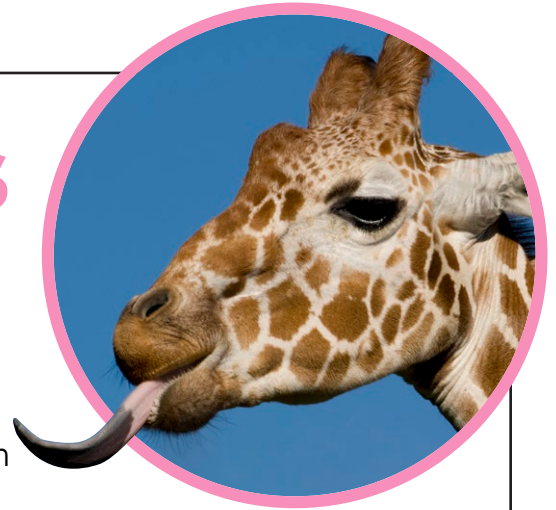
Terrific Tongues

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- a. fast
- b. zap
- c. bug
- d. snack

2. How do the spines on a lion's tongue help the lion eat?

3. What is the author's purpose for this article?

- a. to entertain with a story about how an animal uses its tongue
- b. to explain which animal has the most useful tongue
- c. to show that all tongues are basically the same
- d. to inform about different ways animals use their tongues

ANSWER KEY

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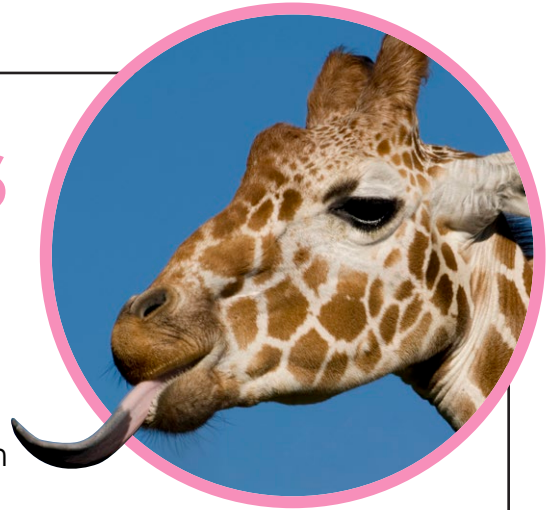
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Snakes smell with their tongues. A snake's tongue is forked. Flicking the tongue in and out, the snake catches odors in the air. This helps the snake find prey and detect



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