

LIONS

SIXTH GRADE:

1. Name 2 lion subspecies? What may be a third subspecies?

Answer: African & Asian
The Barbary Lion may be a third species

2. How has human behavior impacted the lion population?

Answer: The population has been reduced due to competition for space with humans and cattle.

SEVENTH GRADE:

1. Why should lions be called “King of the Beasts” instead of “King of the Jungle”?

Answer: Because a lion’s habitat does not include the jungle and because lions are the second largest feline predator in the world.

2. Why do you think the Species Survival Plan (SSP) talks about the importance of importing only those lions unrelated to those already in this country?

Answer: Genetic diversity is important to breeding healthy animals.

EIGHTH GRADE:

1. What behavioral adaptation relative to their diet do lions display?

Answer: Some lions are nomadic as they follow seasonal prey
All lions are opportunistic eaters.

2. How does living in a pride increase a lion’s chance of survival?

Answer: Living in a group allows for greater protection from predators and hunting as a group can lead to greater success. Cubs can depend on more than one female since they share in caring for the cubs.

