

Read the non-fiction text and answer the following questions.

## All About the East African Savanna



More than half of Africa is covered with savanna.

A savanna is a large area with lots of grass. The trees are spread out.

The East African savanna is warm all year round. It does not rain very much at all.

It has a long summer for 6 to 8 months. This is when it rains.

It has a shorter winter for 4 to 6 months. It does not rain at all in winter.

Animals may have to travel a long way to find water.



### Animals That Live in the East African Savanna

#### Elephant

The African elephant is the biggest land animal on Earth.



#### Hippo

Hippos spend a lot of time in the water to protect their skin from the sun.



### Giraffe

Giraffes have long necks so they can reach the leaves on trees.



### Zebra

A group of zebras is called a dazzle.



### Lion

Male lions have large manes but females do not.



### Antelope

The steenbok antelope has big ears and eyes to hear and see danger.



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## Questions

1. Which of these sentences is true? **Tick one.**

- A savanna is a large area with lots of grass.
- A savanna is a large area full of trees.
- A savanna is a large area with no trees.

2. When does it rain?

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3. Which animal is the biggest land animal on Earth? **Tick one.**

- hippo
- elephant
- giraffe

4. Why do giraffes have long necks? **Tick one.**

- to help them to stay cool
- to help them to look for danger
- to reach the leaves on the trees

5. What is a group of zebras called?

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