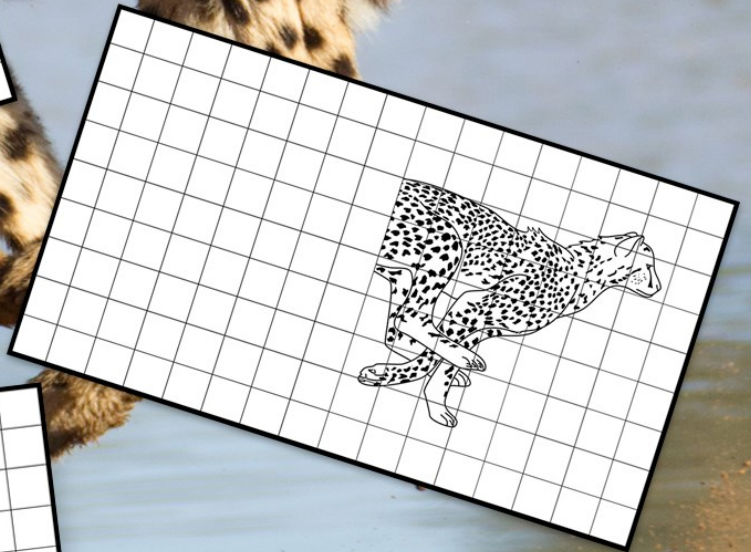
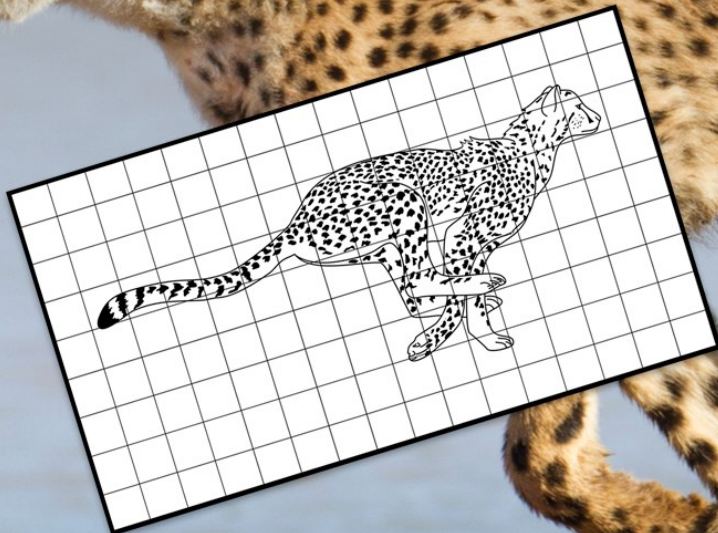
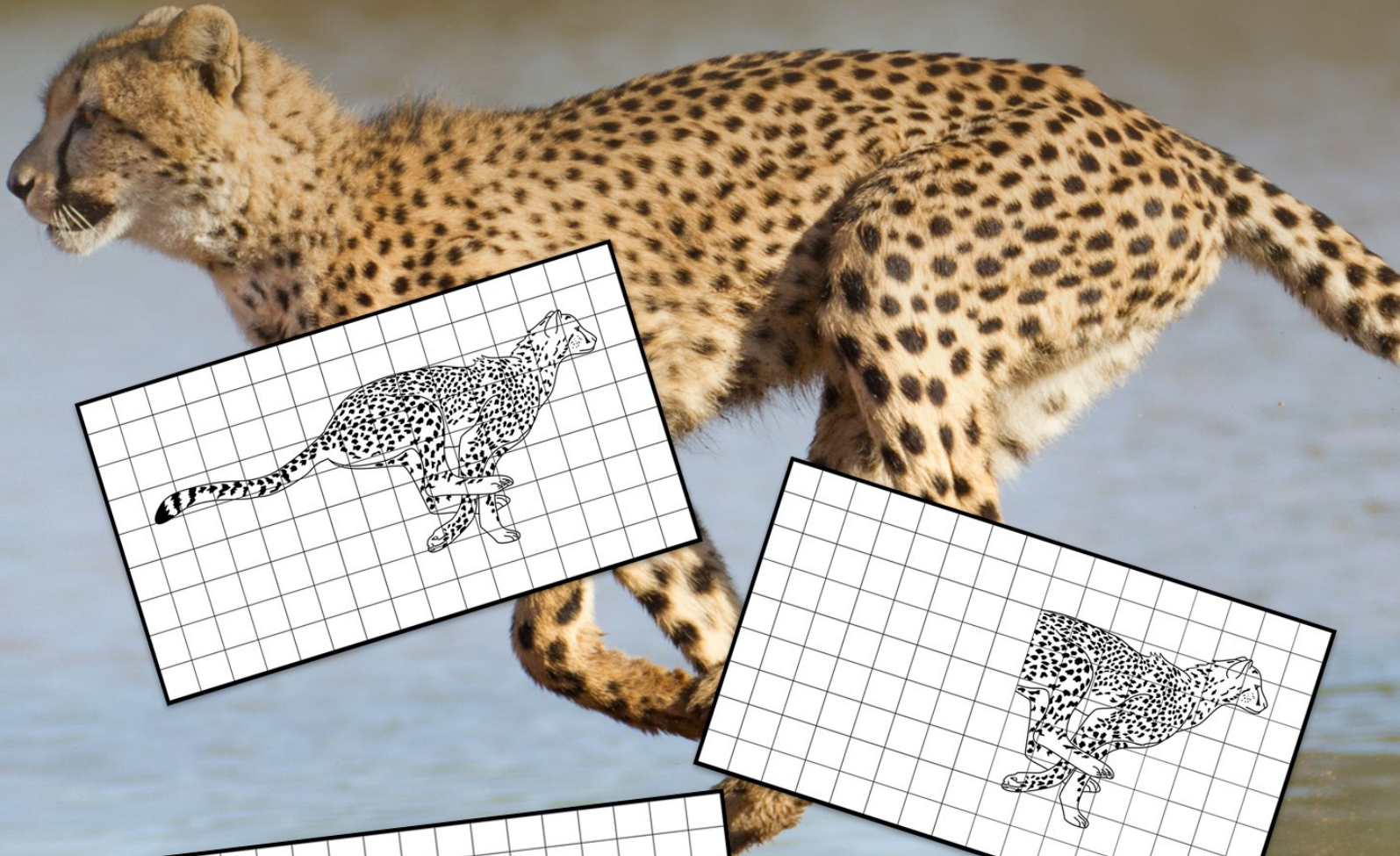


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## Wild Cats



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## Andean Mountain Cat

The Andean mountain cat is rare, and scientists do not know much about it. It lives high in the Andes Mountains in Bolivia, Peru, Argentina, and Chile. It is normally found in very rocky habitats above approximately 9,850 to 13,125 feet (3,000 to 4,000 m).

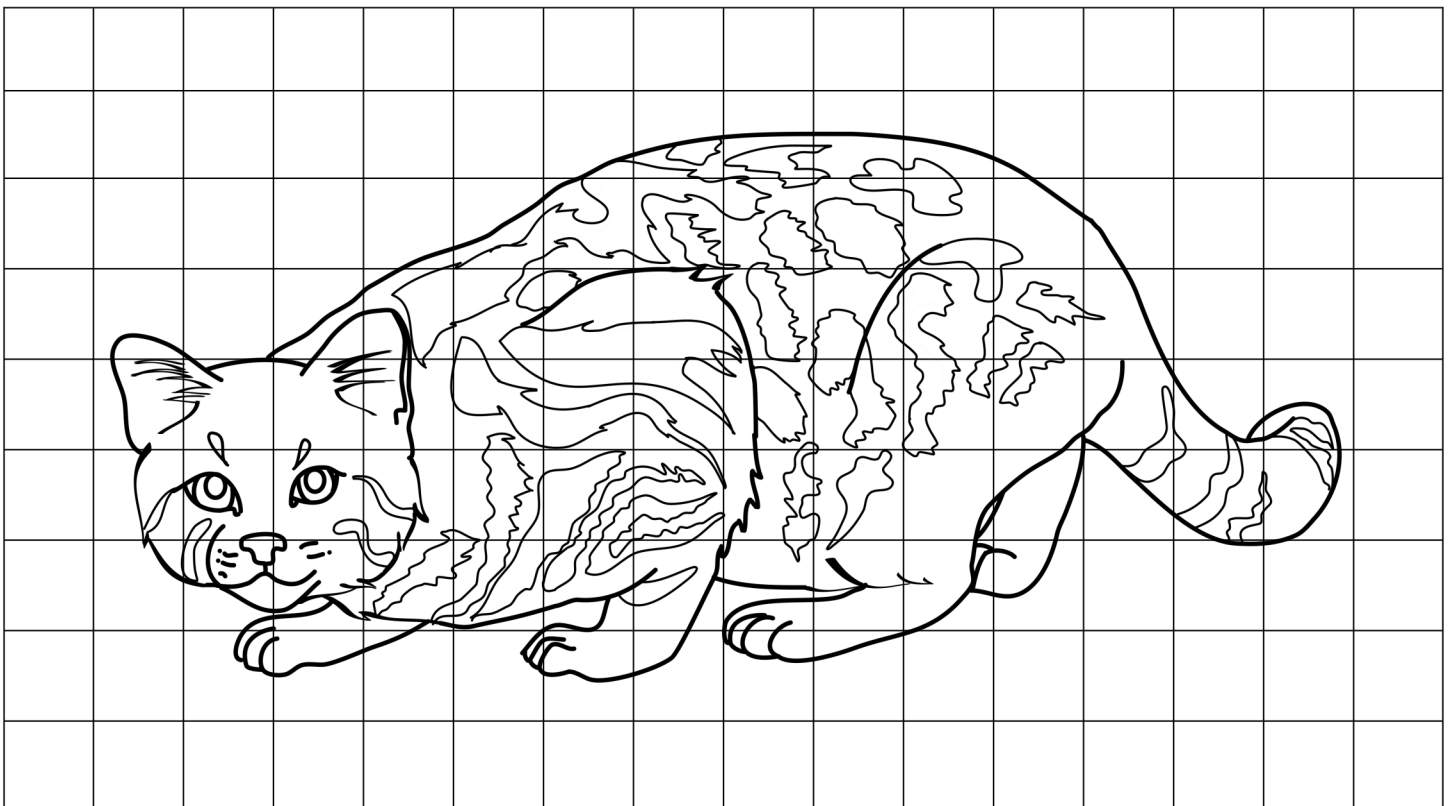
The Andean mountain cat weighs only about 9 pounds (4 kg). It is a pale silver or gray color with rust-color spots. It also has black and gray markings in various areas. It has a long, thick tail with dark brown rings, and white fur trims its lips, eyes, and sides of its face.

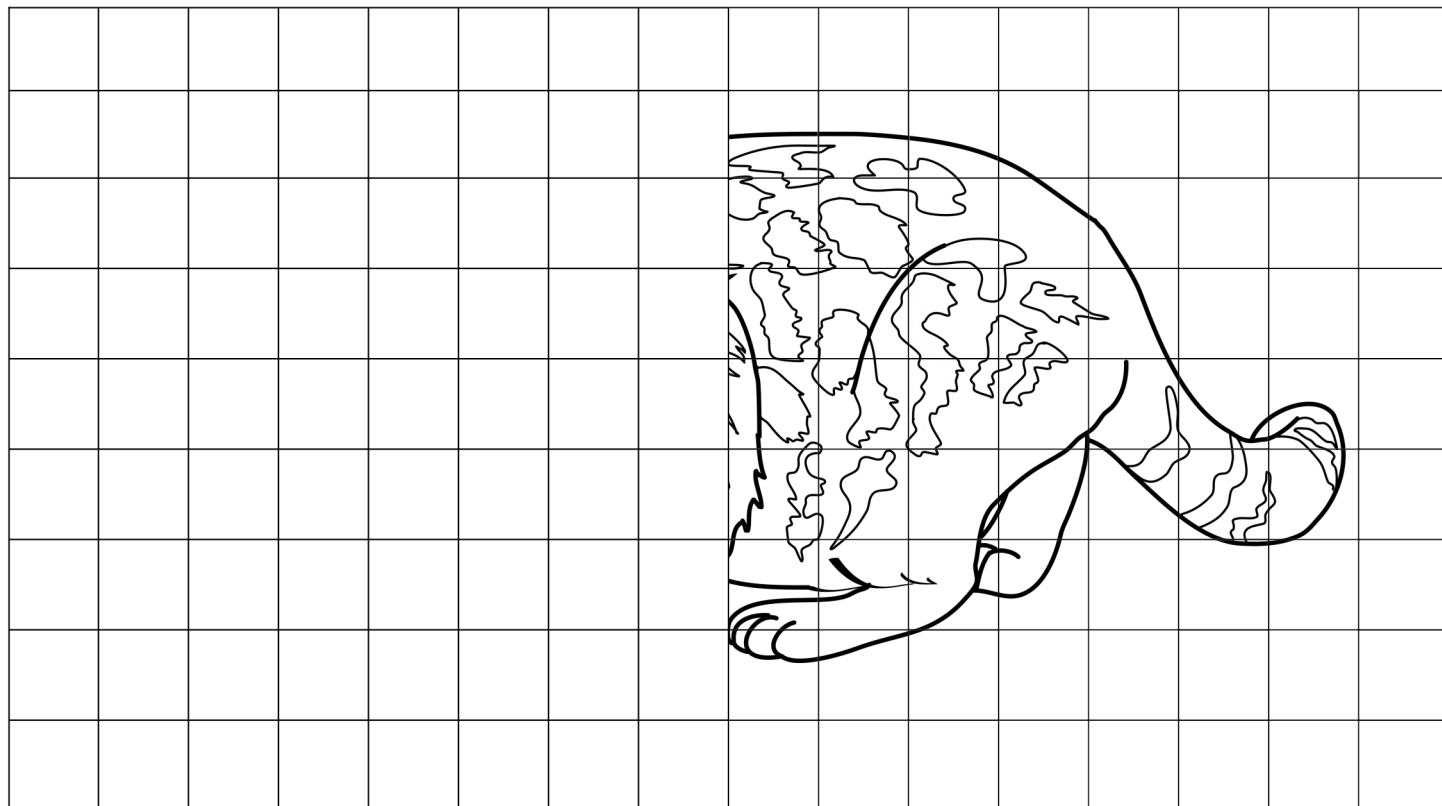
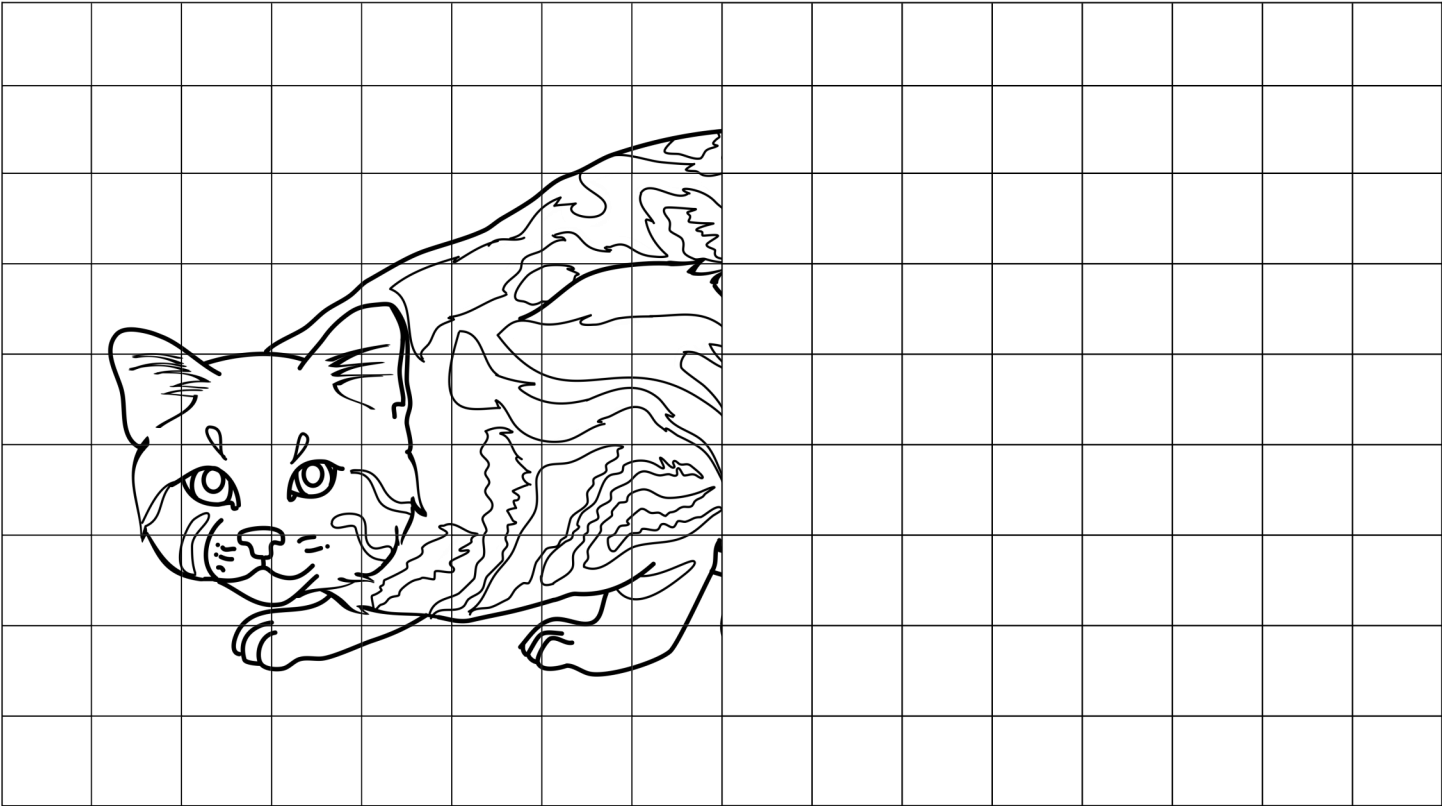
Since this cat is so rare, scientists aren't sure how many babies are usually born at one time or how long they stay with the mother before going out on their own.

The Andean mountain cat is normally active at night, but it is sometimes seen during the day. Its favorite foods are mountain chinchillas and mountain viscachas, but it also eats reptiles, birds, and small animals such as rabbits.

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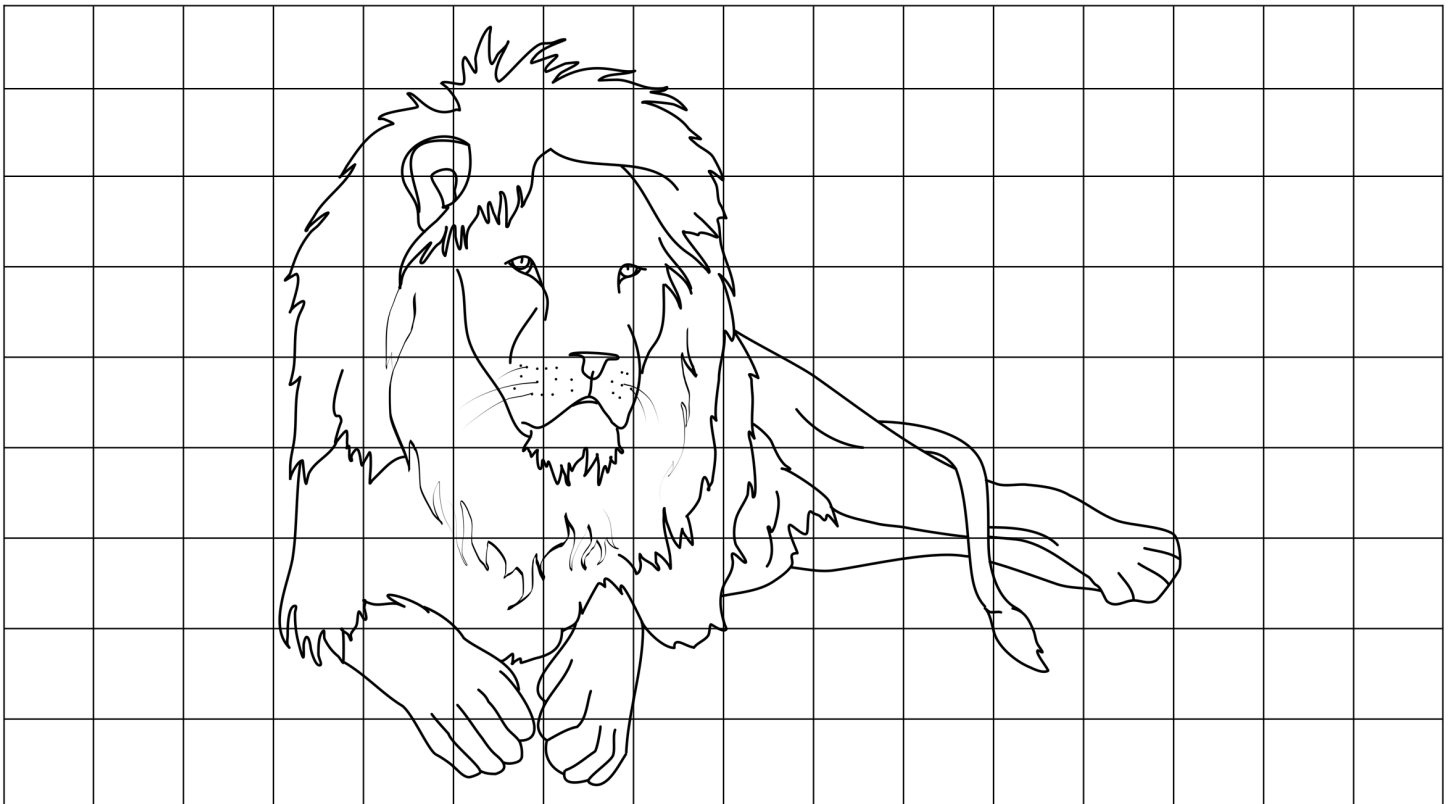
# African Lion

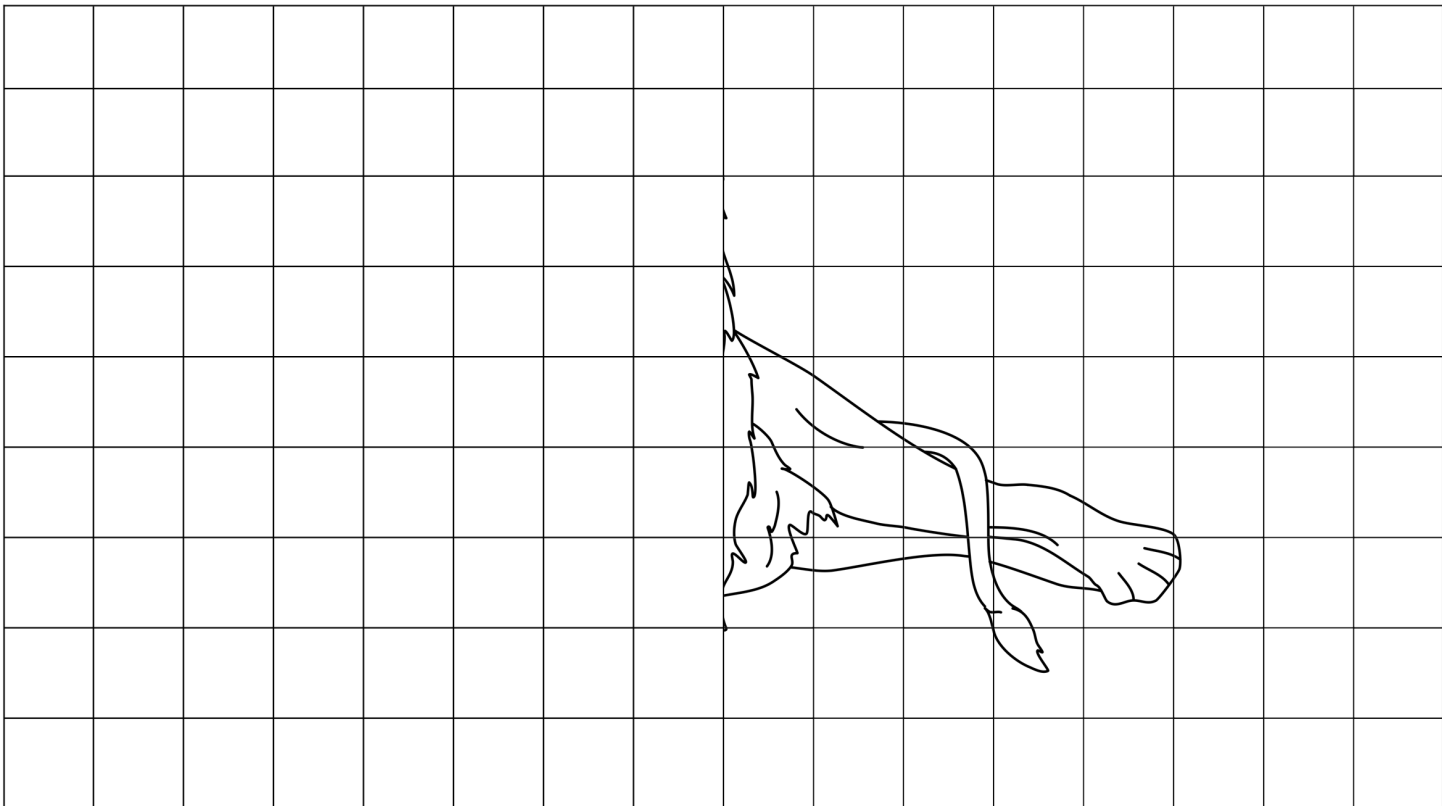
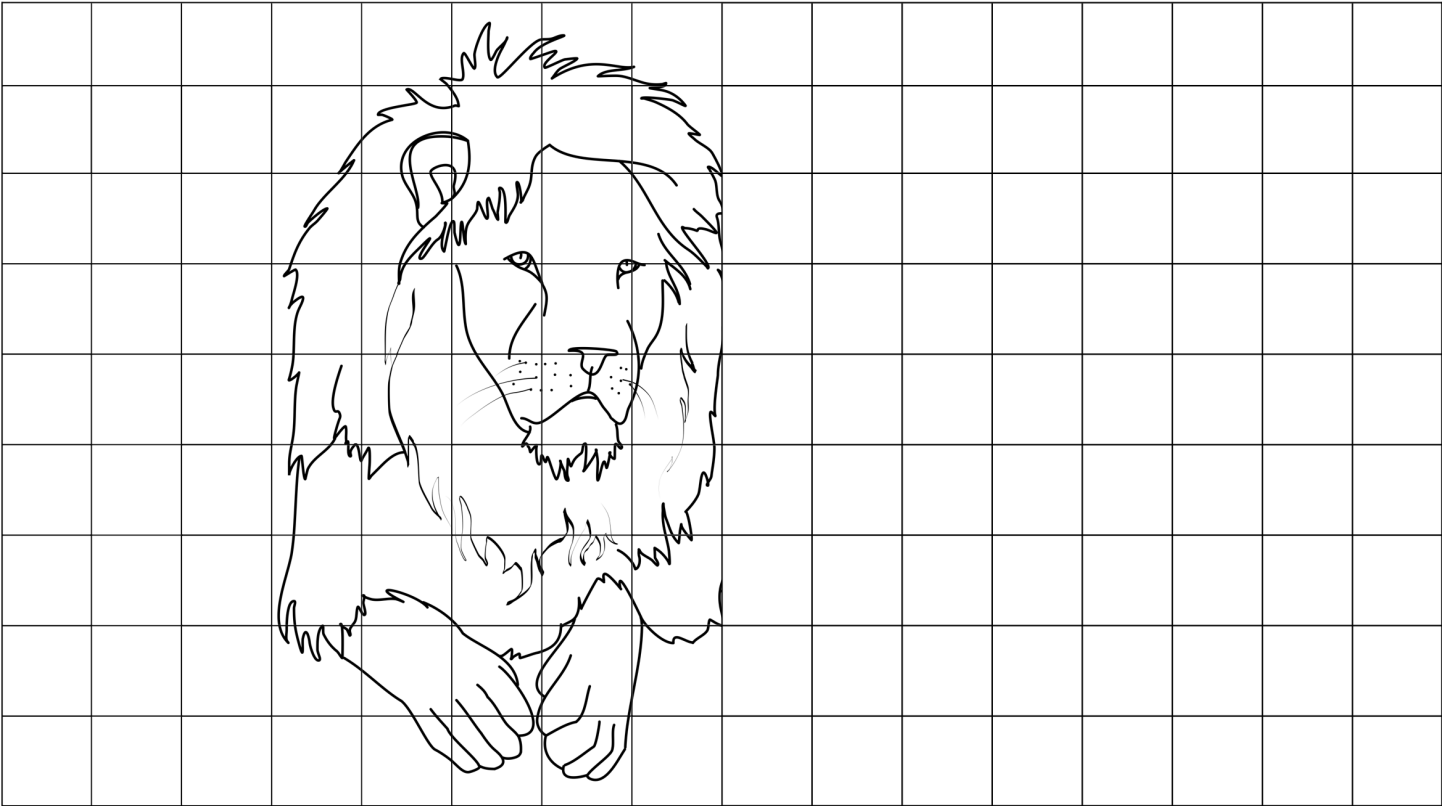
The African lion is often called the “king of beasts.” It likes to live in the savanna, grassland, or open woodland and is mainly found in parts of Africa south of the Sahara Desert. The lion is one of the few cats that lives in groups. Groups of lions, called prides, can number up to 37 members, but 15 is the average size. Their sharp eyesight and excellent senses of smell and hearing enable them to hunt very well at night. A lion’s fur is usually a shade of yellow, orange-brown, gray, or dark brown. The tail often has darker fur at the tip. A male lion is the only member of the cat family that has a mane. As the second largest member of the cat family, the male lion weighs about 370 to 500 pounds (170 to 230 kg), and the female lion weighs about 250 to 400 pounds (120 to 180 kg).

Lions hunt many animals such as rodents, hippopotamuses, antelopes, elephants, zebras, deer, and giraffes. They also eat fish, turtles, or anything they can catch. After a large meal, a lion may rest for 24 hours. Usually, lions walk about 5 miles (8 km) each day. If a lion is having a hard time finding food, it may walk as far as 15 miles (24 km) trying to find food. A female lion, called a lioness, usually has two to four babies, called cubs, at a time. Sometimes she may have only one or as many as six. The cub is often born in a thicket, and each one weighs only about 3 pounds (1.4 kg). The cub is not able to live on its own until it is about two years old.

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## Asiatic Golden Cat

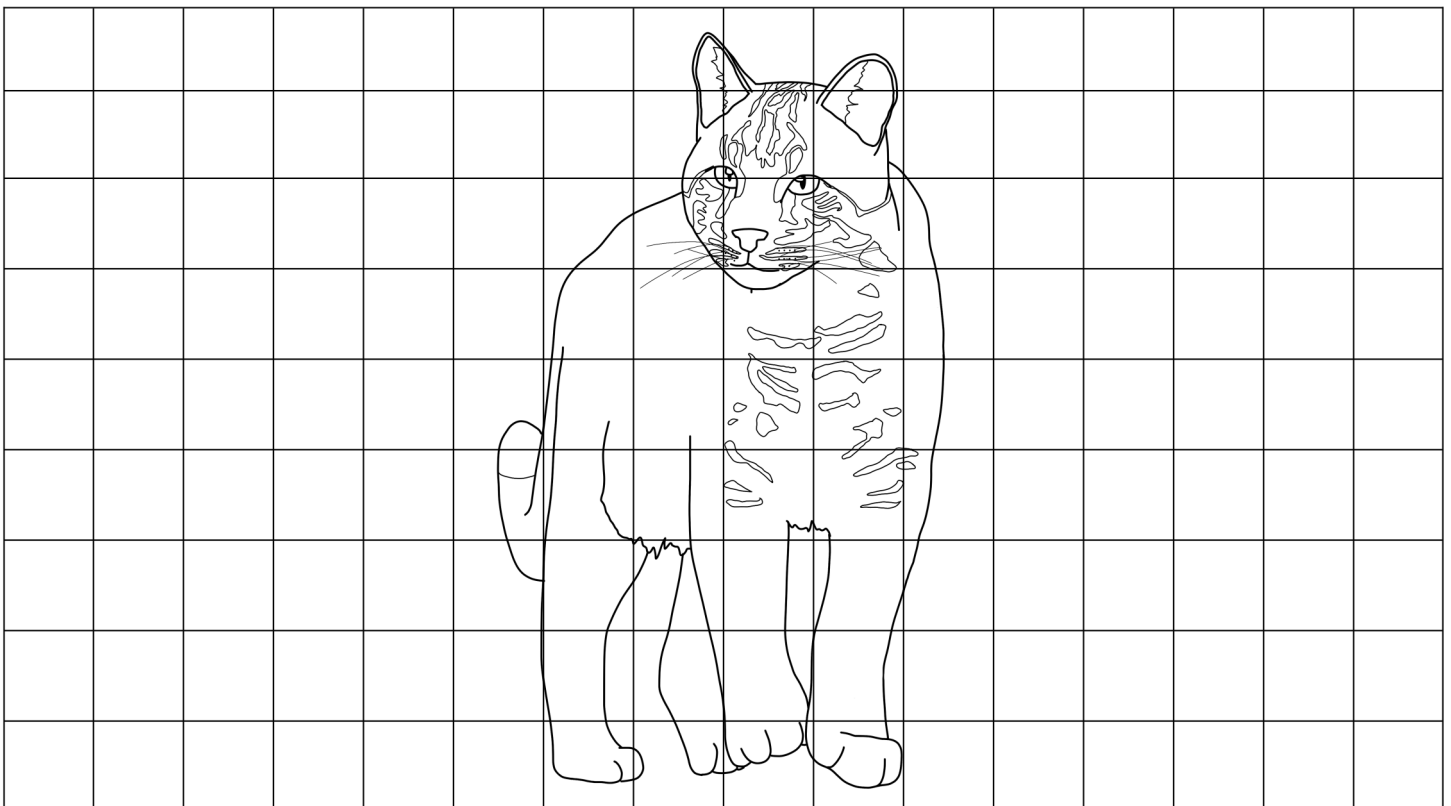
The Asiatic golden cat is found in different types of forests throughout parts of southwest Asia, from China and India to areas in the Malay Peninsula, Thailand, and Vietnam. It is often found at elevations of approximately 3,500 to 11,500 feet (1,100 to 3,500 m). An Asiatic golden cat has very strong muscles and long legs. Along with its long tail, this makes it very good at climbing trees, although it usually lives on the ground. It prefers to be the most active in mid-morning and around sunset.

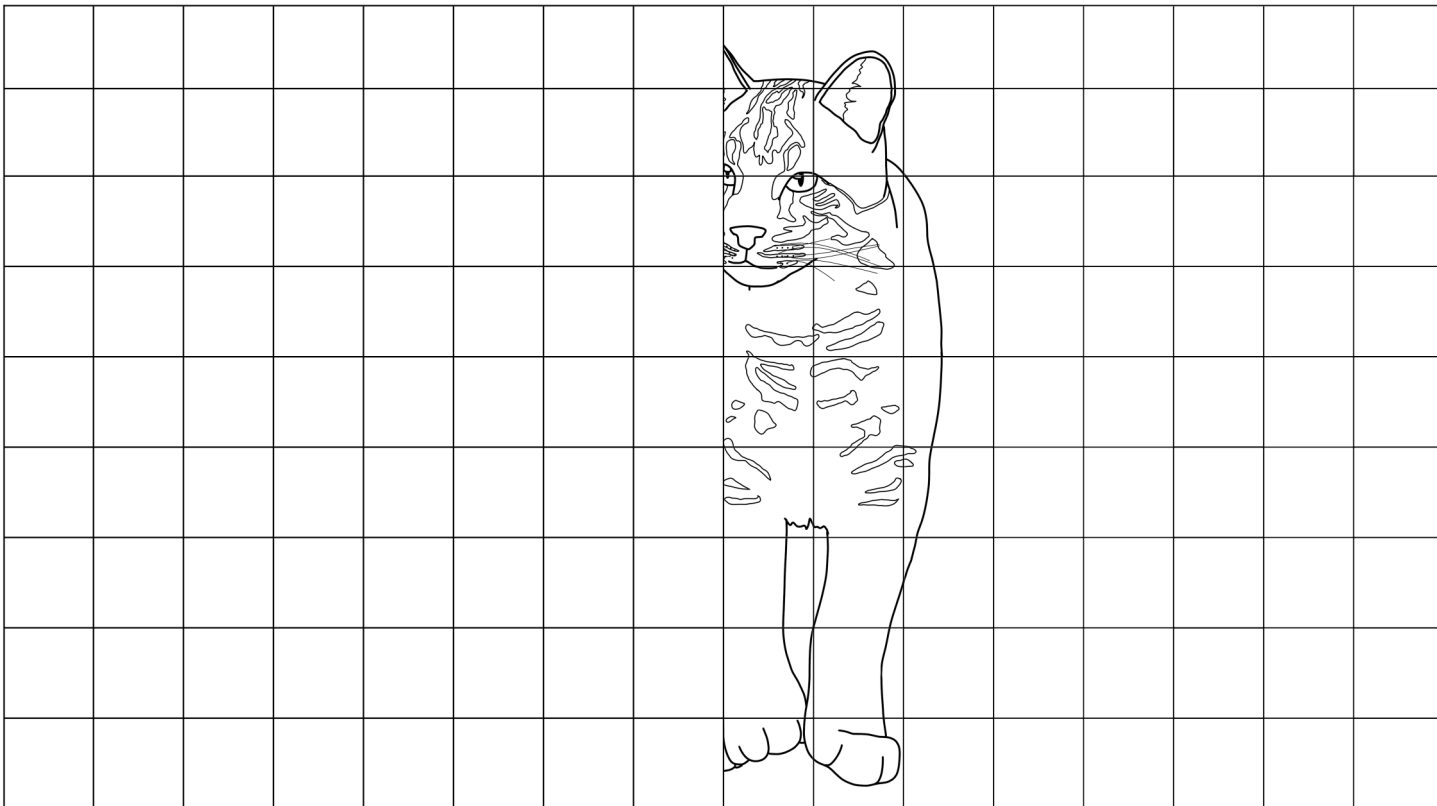
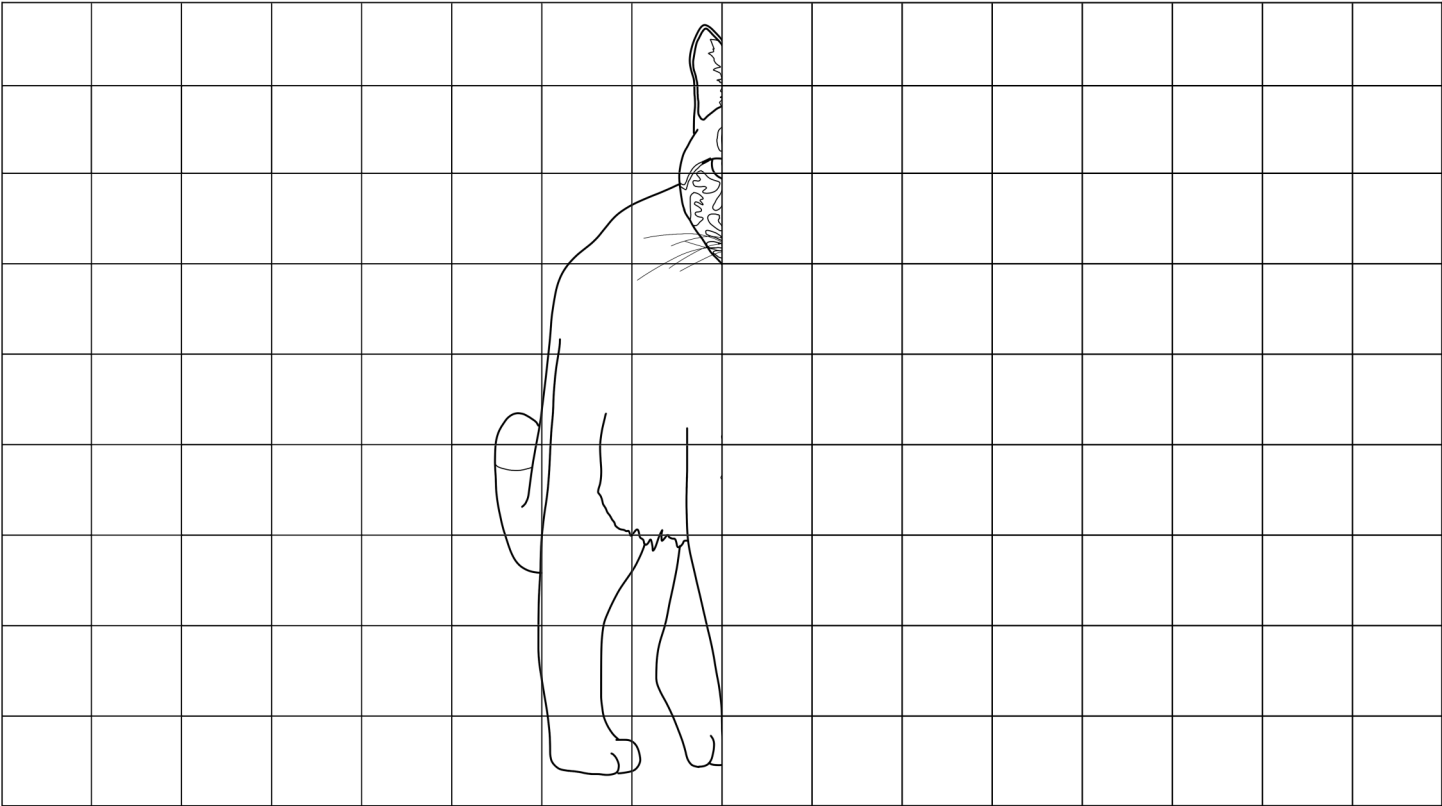
An Asiatic golden cat is about 45 to 63 inches (116 to 161 cm) long, including its tail, and weighs between 26 and 33 pounds (12 and 15 kg). The coloring can be golden brown to brown, black, reddish, or gray, with white on the inside of its legs and belly. The cat also has black and white lines on its head and neck. Baby Asiatic golden cats are called cubs. A female gives birth to one to three cubs at a time, and each one weighs about 9 ounces (250 g).

An Asiatic golden cat's favorite foods in the wild are rodents, birds, reptiles, and hares. In some areas, they hunt larger animals, such as wild pigs and deer.

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# Bobcat

The bobcat is also called a bay lynx or a wildcat. It lives in North America from southern Canada to southern Mexico.

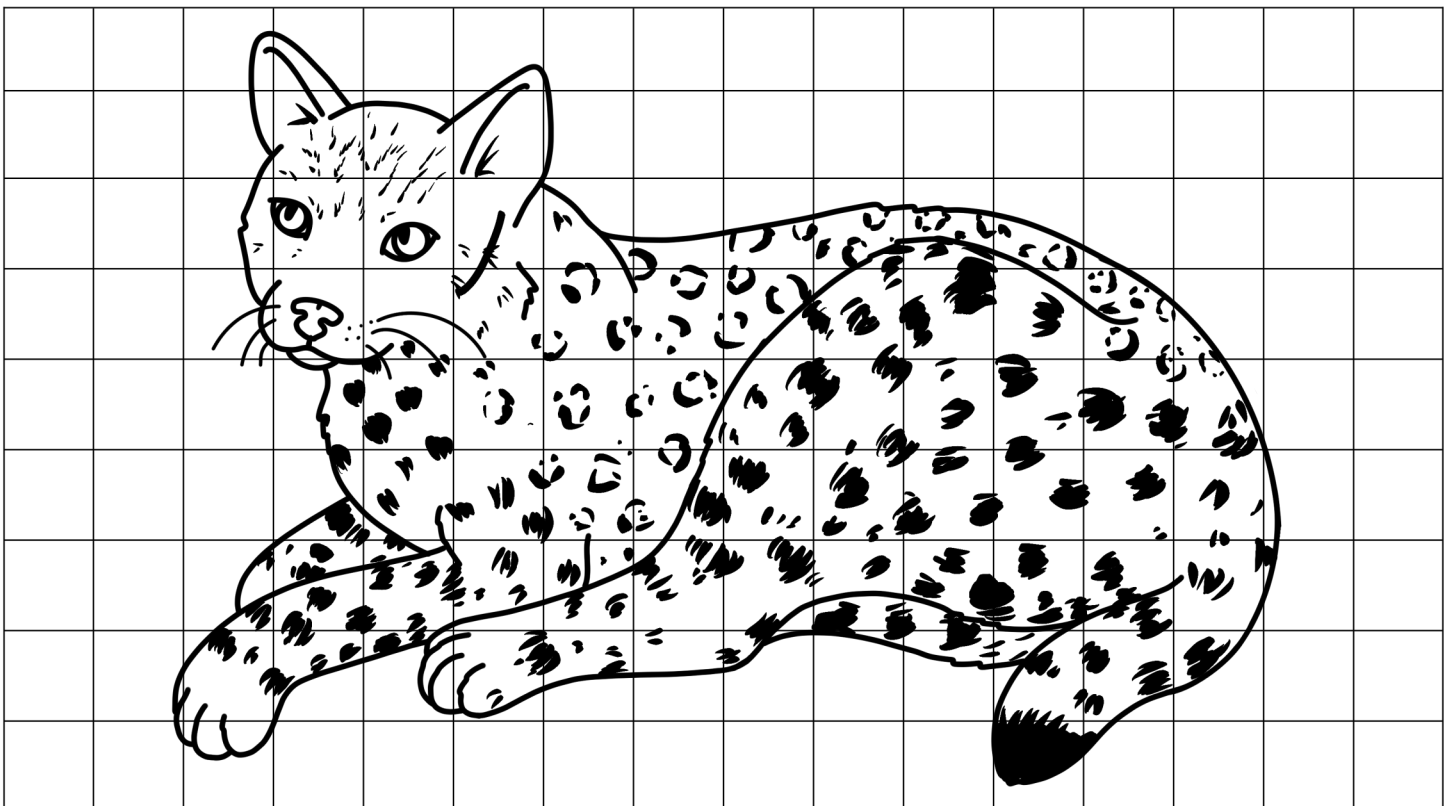
The bobcat is about 24 to 40 inches (61 to 101 cm) long, not including the tail, and weighs about 15 to 33 pounds (7 to 15 kg). It has long legs and large paws. Its fur is stiff and ranges in color from pale brown to slightly red with black spots. Its fur stands up like a collar on the sides of its face.

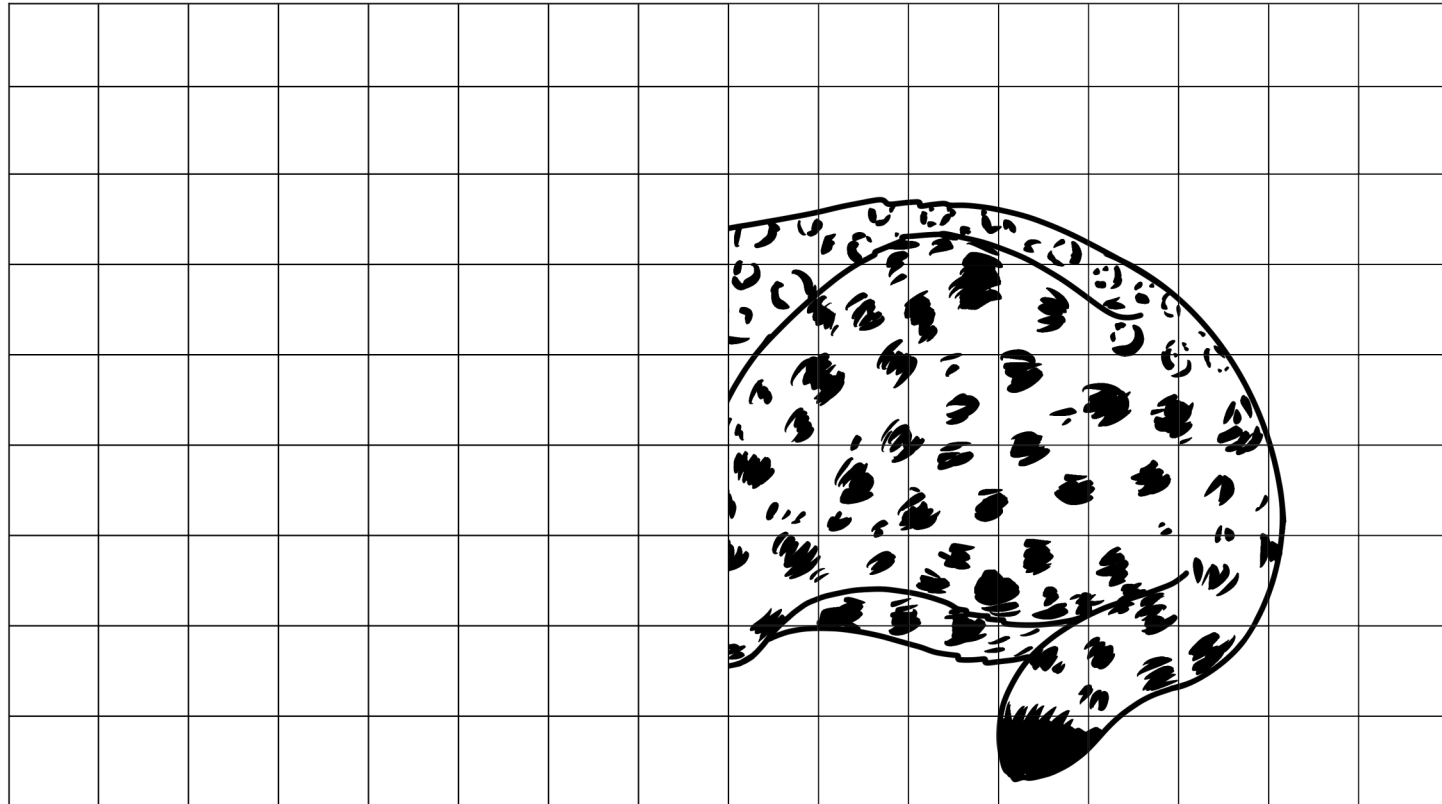
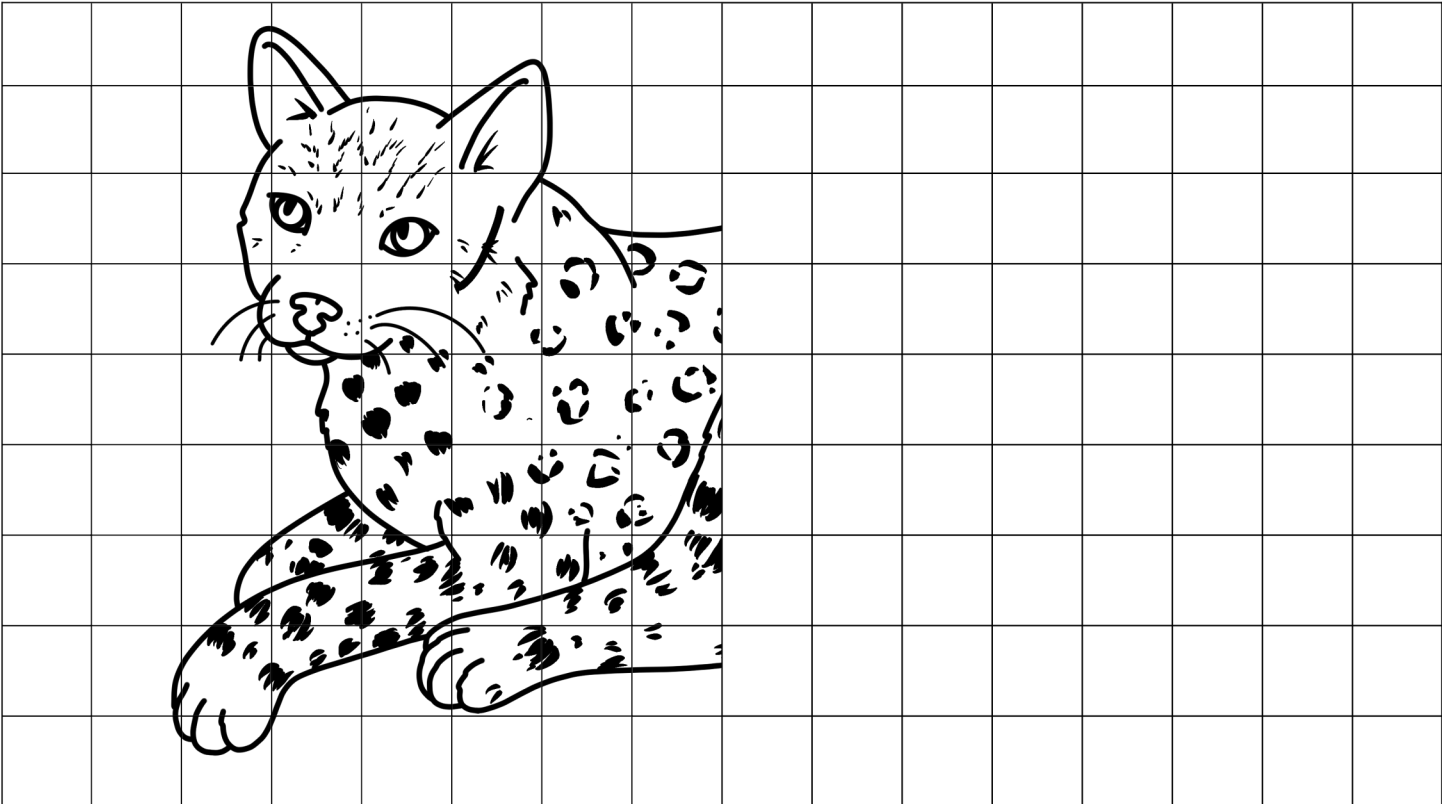
The female bobcat makes its den in hollow trees or thickets. She usually has two or three kittens in a litter, but sometimes has up to six kittens. The kittens live with their mother for nine to twelve months before they go out on their own.

The bobcat does not like to climb trees or swim. It is comfortable in both forests and deserts and is generally active at night. It eats rodents, rabbits, hares, and some types of birds.

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# Caracal

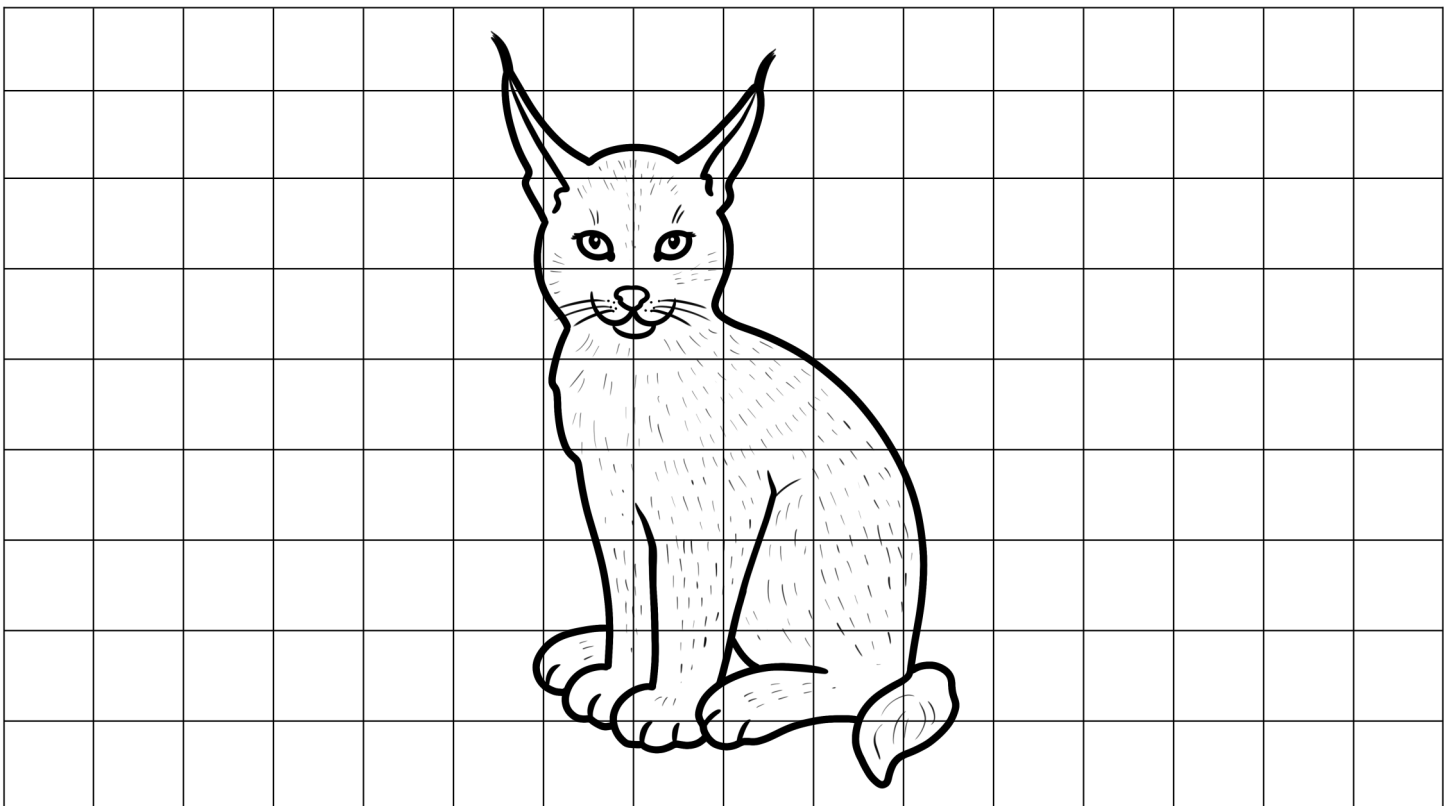
The caracal, also known as the desert lynx, is a wild cat that can be found in Africa, the Middle East, and parts of Asia. It lives in rocky hills, woodlands, some deserts, and plains. It is active mostly at night and likes to live and hunt alone. In parts of Asia, it has been trained to be used in hunting.

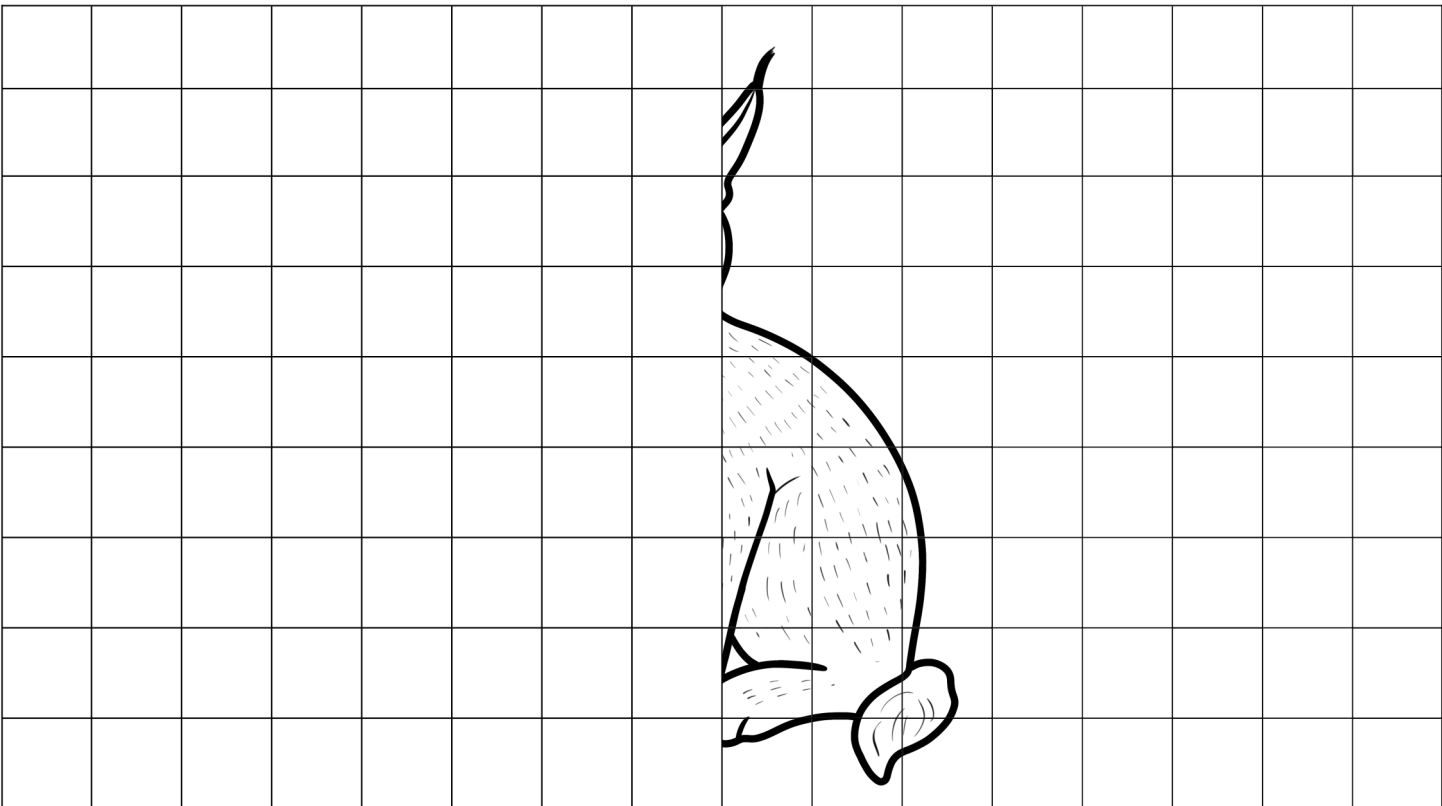
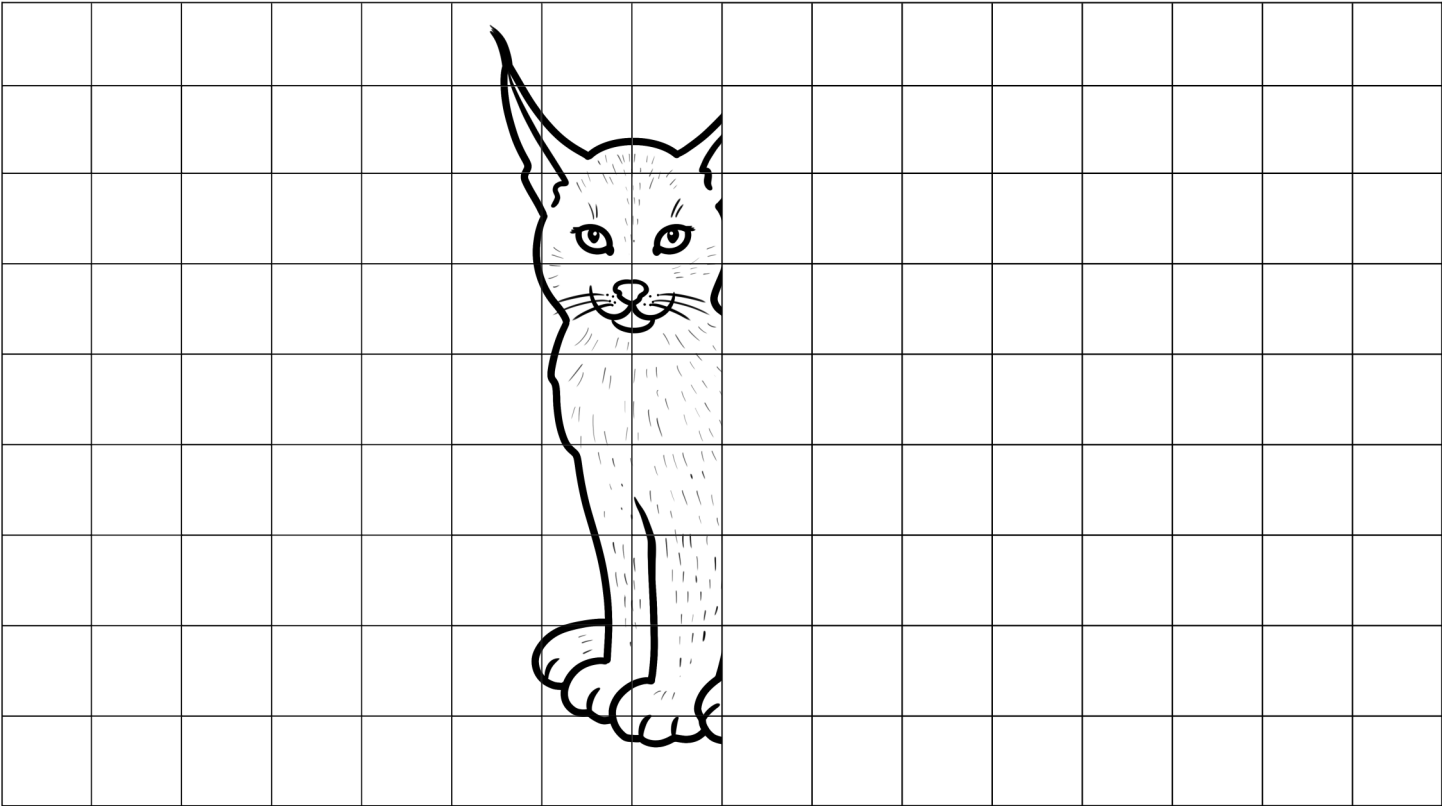
The caracal has short, reddish-brown hair. It has pointed ears with sections of long, black hair on the tips and black markings on its face. It has long legs and is about 16 to 18 inches (40 to 45 cm) tall at the shoulder. The caracal is about 26 to 30 inches (66 to 76 cm) long, weighs between 29 and 44 pounds (13 and 20 kg), and has a short tail.

The female caracal has one to six babies, called kittens, at a time, but normally has three. The kittens stay with the mother until they are about nine to ten months old. The caracal likes to eat hyraxes, birds, antelope, rodents, gazelles, and other animals.

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# Cheetah

The cheetah is a very famous wild cat because of its ability to run at such great speeds. It can easily run as fast as 50 to 60 miles (80 to 100 km) per hour when chasing other animals. Its long legs, long spine, and special pads on its paws help it run so fast.

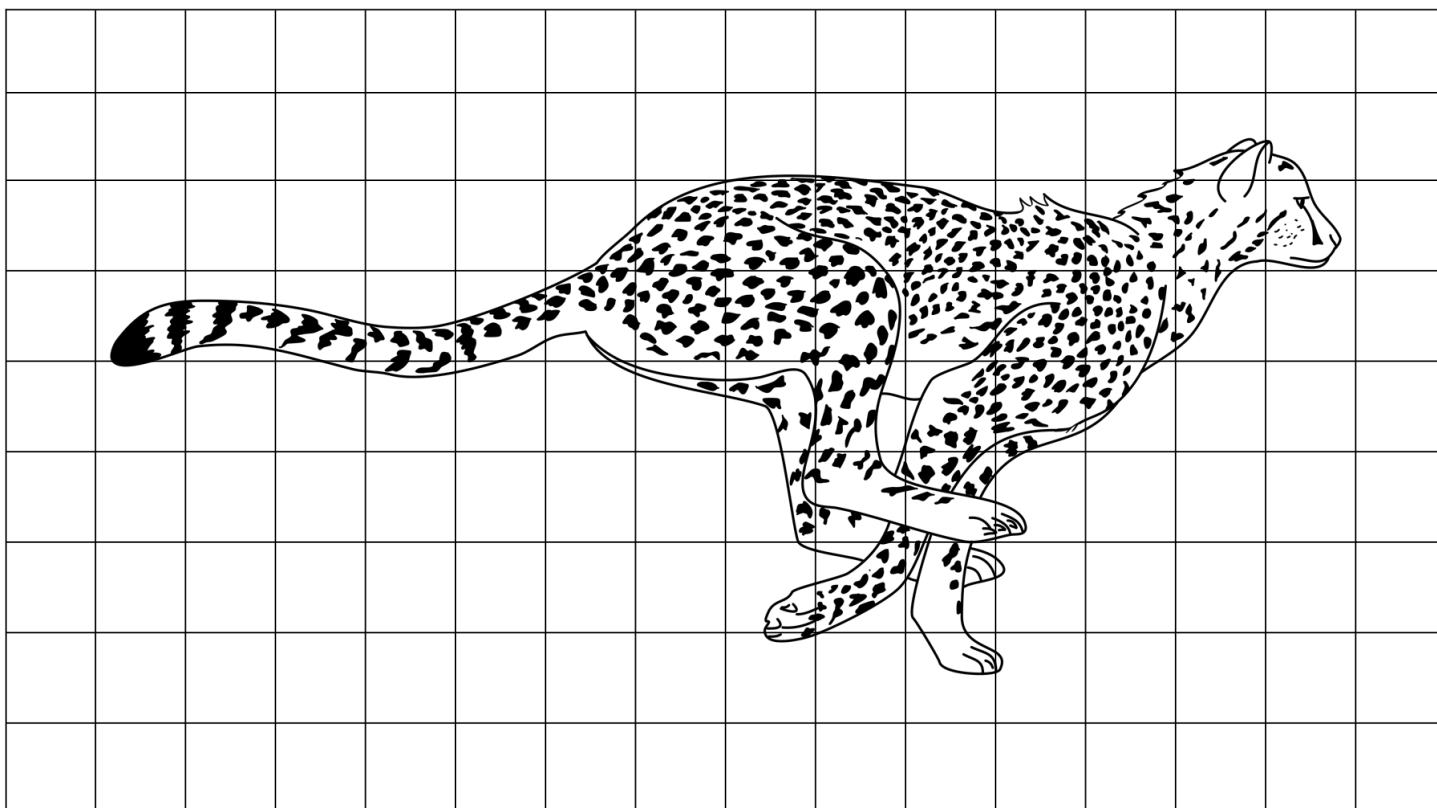
Almost all wild cheetahs today live in Africa. A cheetah has a long, thin body and a long tail. It is very pale yellow with black spots and has white fur under its belly. The cheetah is usually about 4 feet (1.2 m) long not counting its tail, which adds another 2 to 3 feet (65 to 85 cm). It is about 29.5 inches (75 cm) tall at the shoulder and weighs between 75 and 119 pounds (34 and 54 kg).

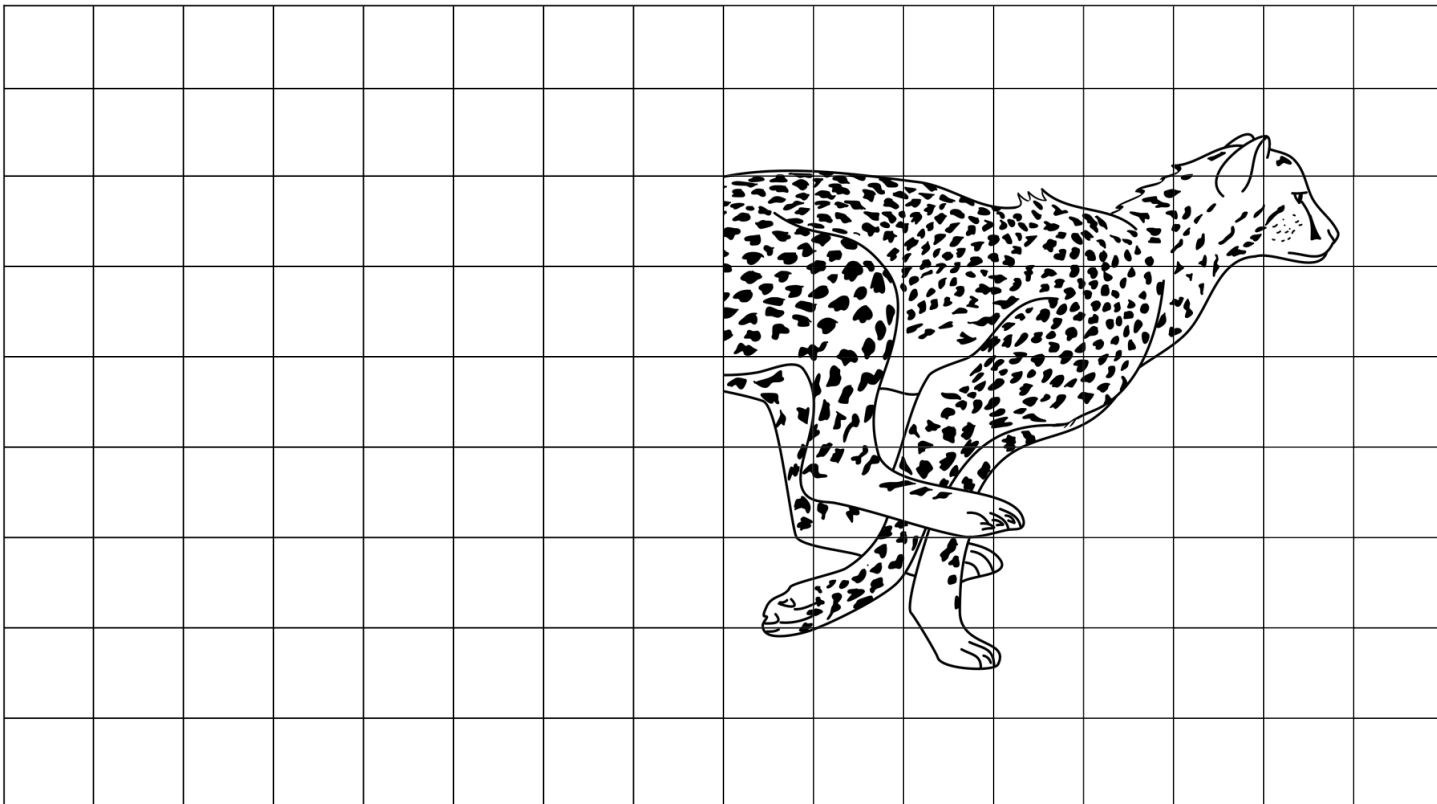
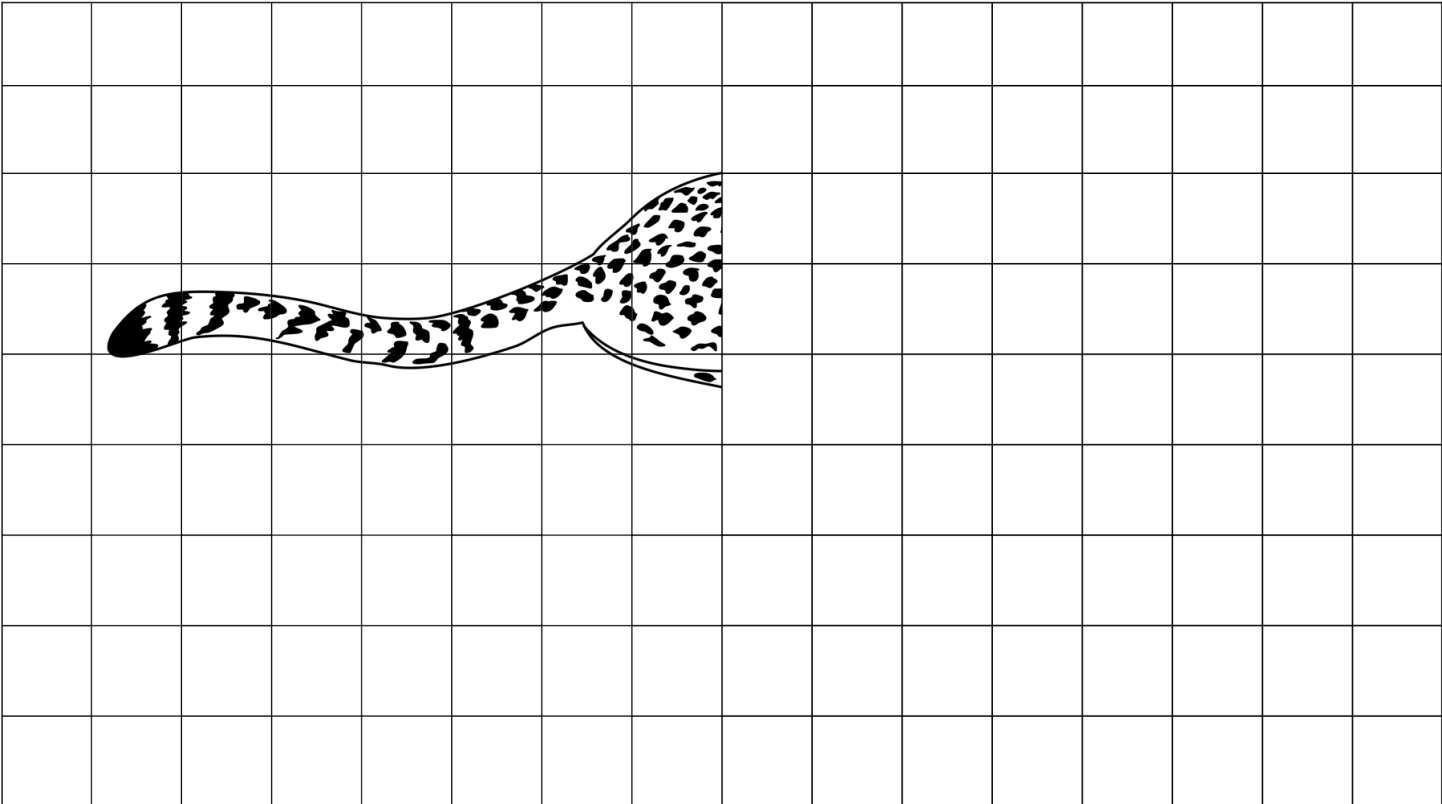
The cheetah is often found in savannas, grasslands, and mountain areas. It will claim territory near water so it has water to drink and because it knows it can often find prey near water. It eats many different kinds of animals such as the oryx, impala, gazelle, and young warthogs. It also eats birds and rabbits.

The female cheetah has two to eight babies, called cubs, at a time, usually in an area hidden by tall grass. The cubs stay with the mother for about fourteen to twenty-four months.

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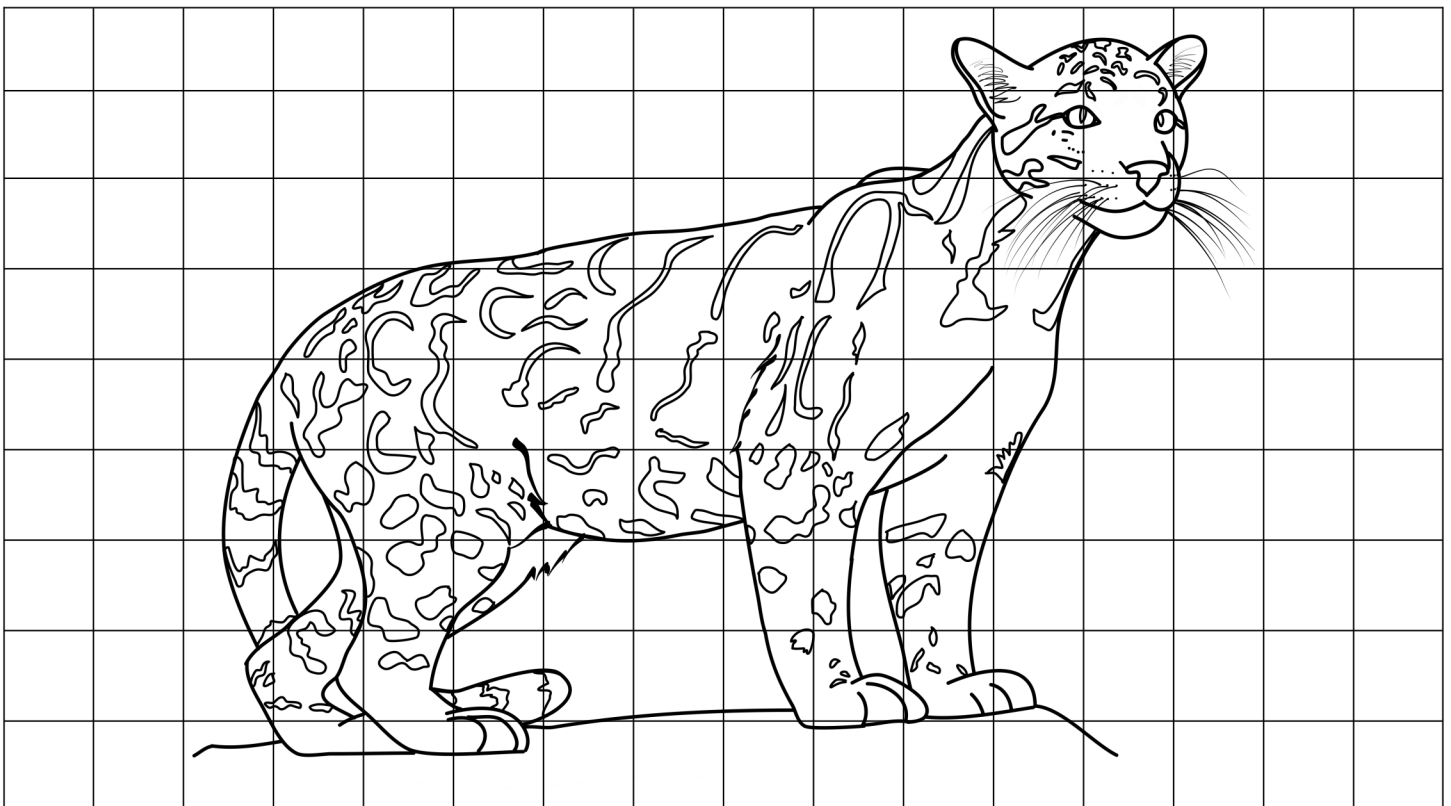
# Clouded Leopard

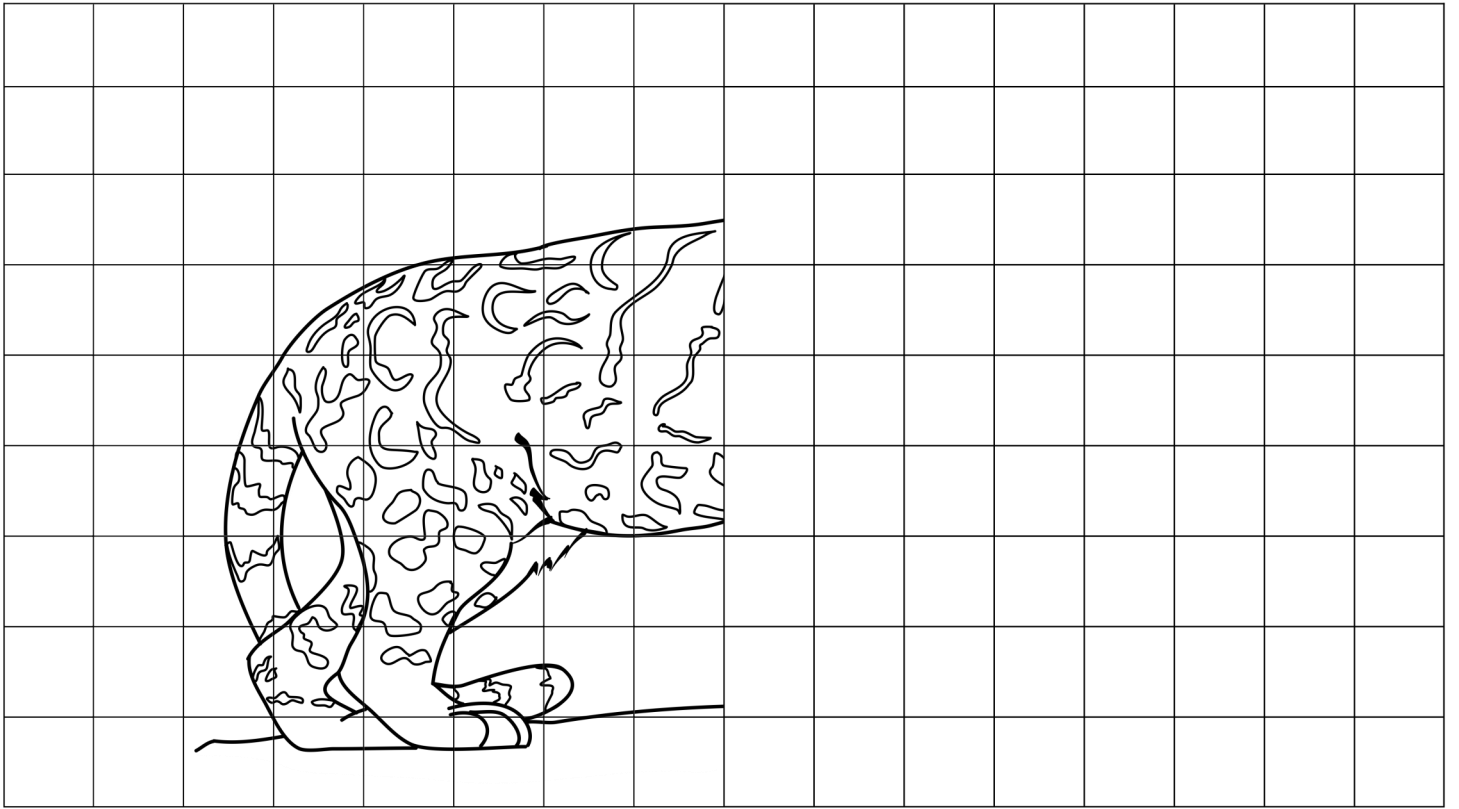
The clouded leopard lives on the mainland of southeastern Asia, mainly in tropical forests south of the Himalayas. Some have been seen in other types of forests, swamps, and grasslands. Scientists think they rest in trees and sometimes hunt from trees, but they also do a lot of hunting from the ground. The female clouded leopard gives birth to one to five babies, called kittens, at a time, but it averages two kittens per litter. The kittens are able to live on their own at about ten months of age.

A clouded leopard's fur ranges in color from yellow brown to gray and has cloud-shaped markings in a darker color, often with some black around the markings. It has a white muzzle, black spots on its forehead and cheeks, and black rings on its tail. It also has black stripes that reach from its ears, down the back of its neck, and to the shoulder. The adult clouded leopard weighs between about 40 and 49 pounds (18 and 22 kg) and is between about 2.5 and 3.5 feet (75 and 105 cm) long. It has large, padded feet with claws it can retract. The clouded leopard often hunts at night, but it is also very active during the day in some areas. Its hunting time may be influenced by what it is hunting and the habits of predators. A clouded leopard likes to eat wild boars, gibbons, macaques, birds, fish, deer, ground squirrels, porcupine, and rodents.

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## Eurasian Lynx

The Eurasian lynx lives in forests, often preferring forests in the mountains. It is found in western Europe, parts of Russia, Tibet, and central Asia. Its habitat can vary from thick woodlands in the Himalayas to thin ones in central Asia, and from rocky hills to some desert areas. Even though it lives in a large area, it still faces loss of habitat and dangers from prey.

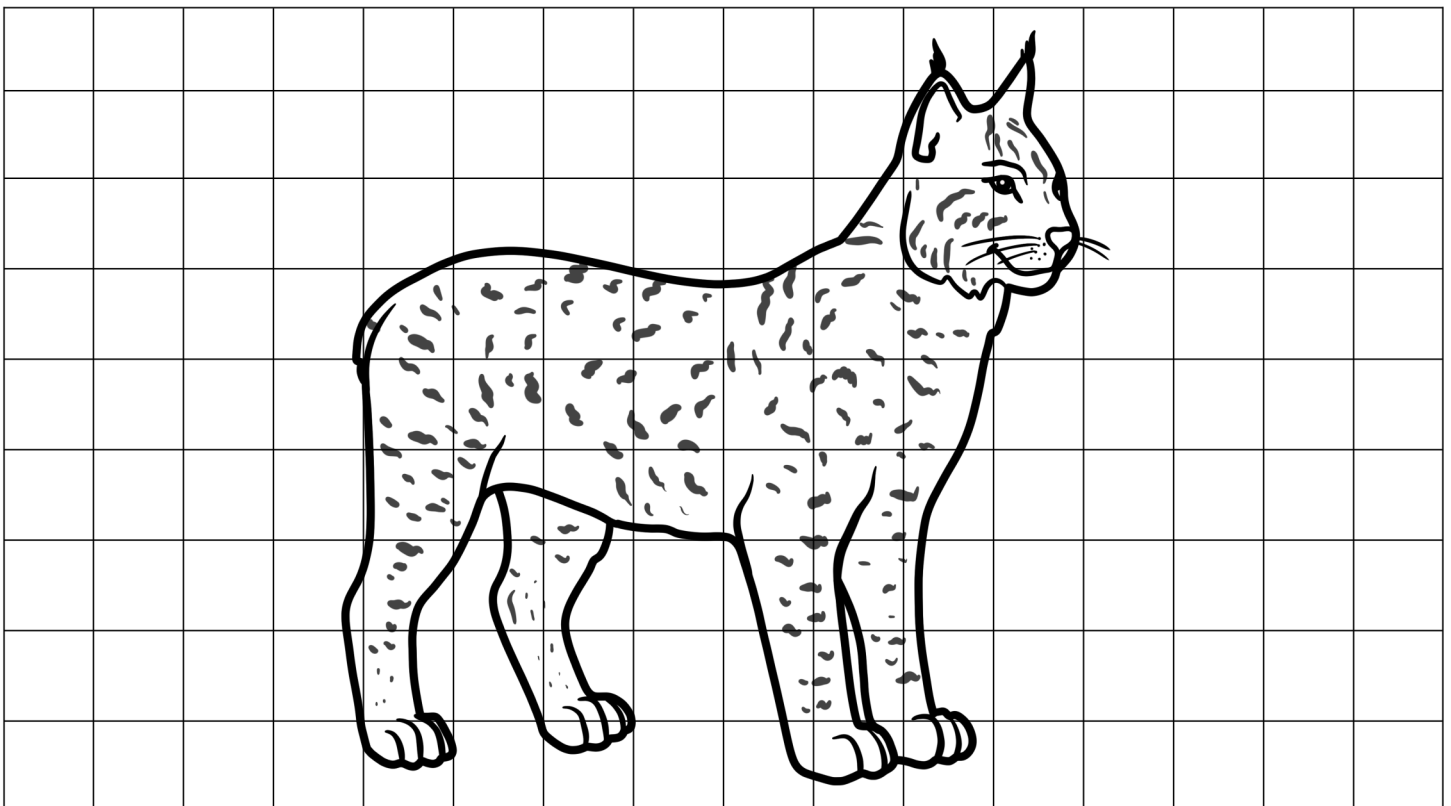
The Eurasian lynx weighs between about 40 and 80 pounds (18 to 36 kg) and is one of the largest predators in Europe. It is about 28 to 51 inches (70 to 130 cm) long and, at the shoulder, measures about 24 to 28 inches (60 to 71 cm) tall. The Eurasian lynx has long legs and large, fur-covered paws. Its fur is grey, rust, or yellow and can be either spotted, striped, or solid.

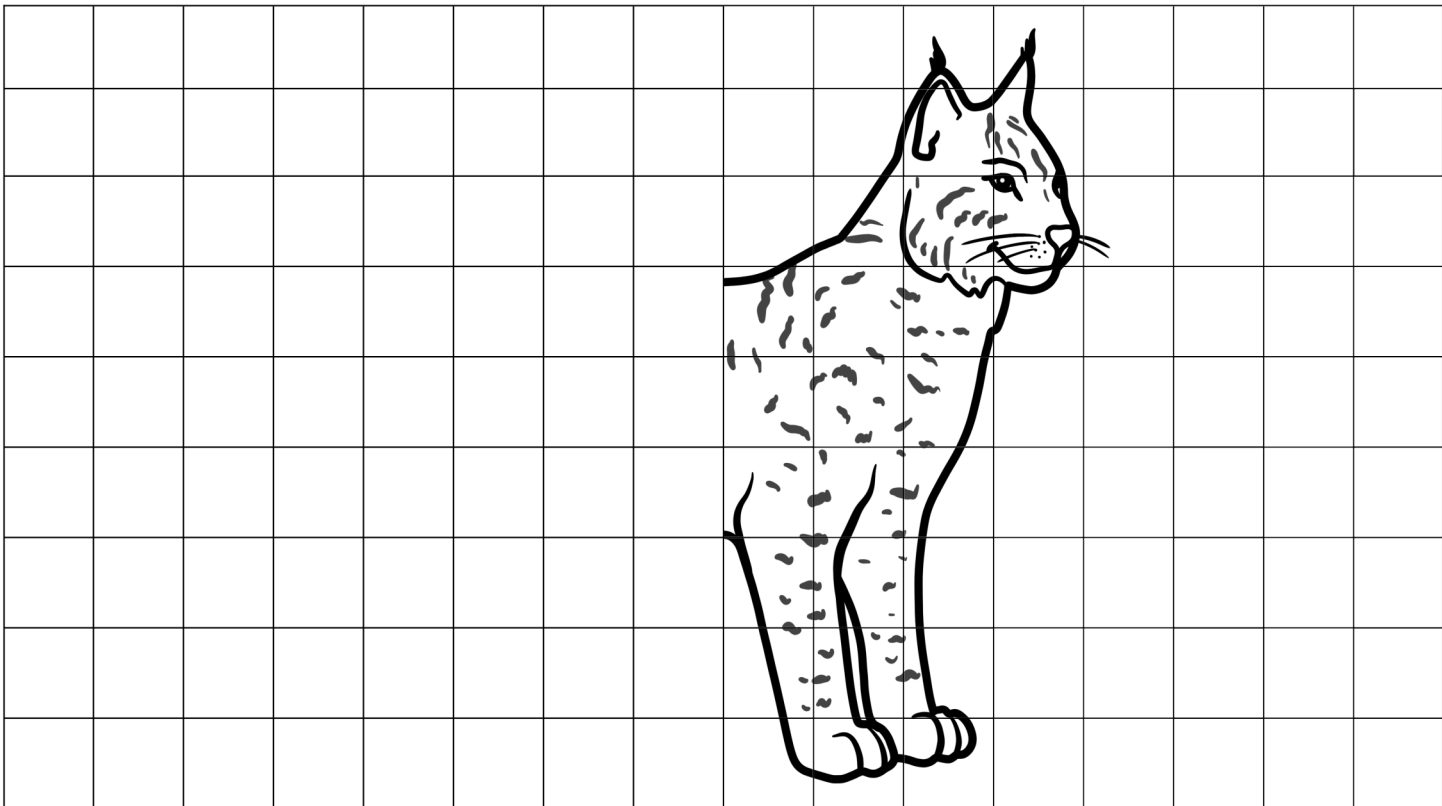
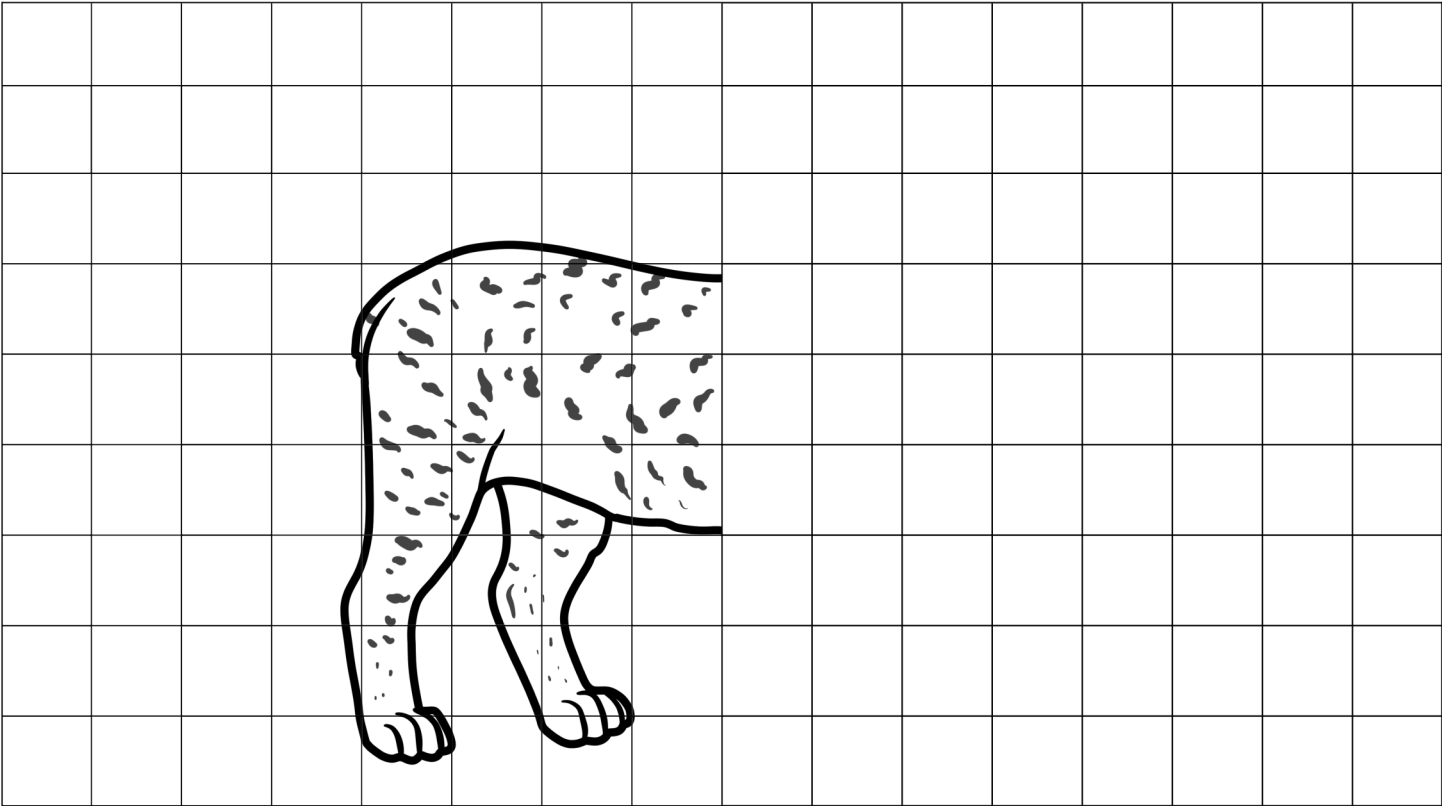
The female Eurasian lynx can give birth to one to five babies, called cubs or kittens, at a time, but usually has two or three. The cubs stay with their mother until they are about ten months old when they are ready to be on their own.

The Eurasian lynx is usually active in the early morning and in the evening. It hunts roe or musk deer, chamois, and even larger animals such as elk and caribou. It will also hunt hares, rabbits, red foxes, rodents, and birds.

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# Jaguar

The jaguar usually lives in an area from northern Mexico to northern Argentina, but a few are still found in southern Arizona and New Mexico. Many live in the Amazon rainforest, but they can also be found in grasslands, swamps, and deserts.

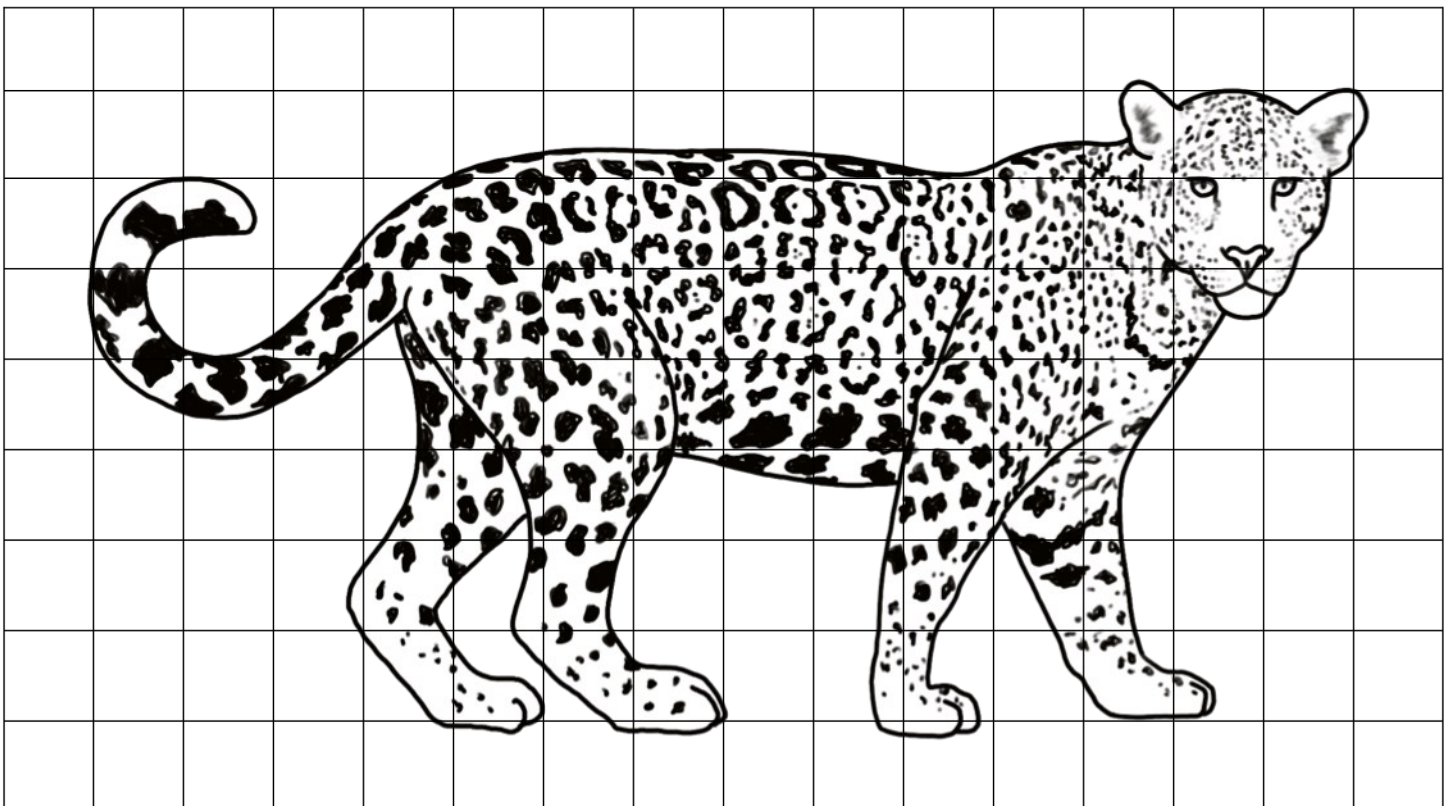
The jaguar is tan or a shade of orange with black spots, but some jaguars in South America are black with black spots, which makes them look all black. A row of black spots on the back sometimes looks like a stripe. A jaguar is usually between 220 and 350 pounds (100 to 160 kg), with the South American jaguar being among the largest. It is between 5.6 and 9 feet (1.7 and 2.7 m) long when you include its 2 to 3 feet (0.6 to 0.9 m) of tail.

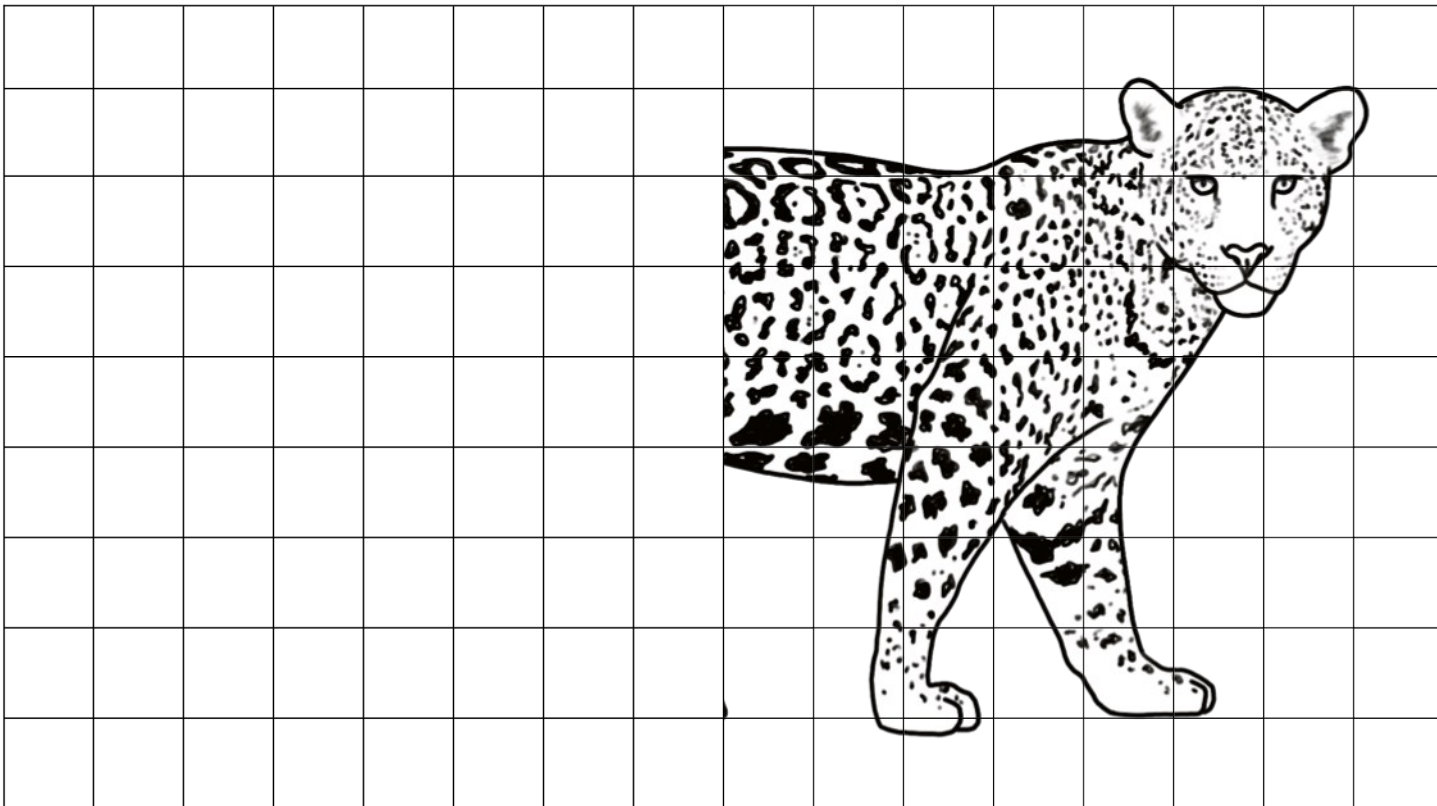
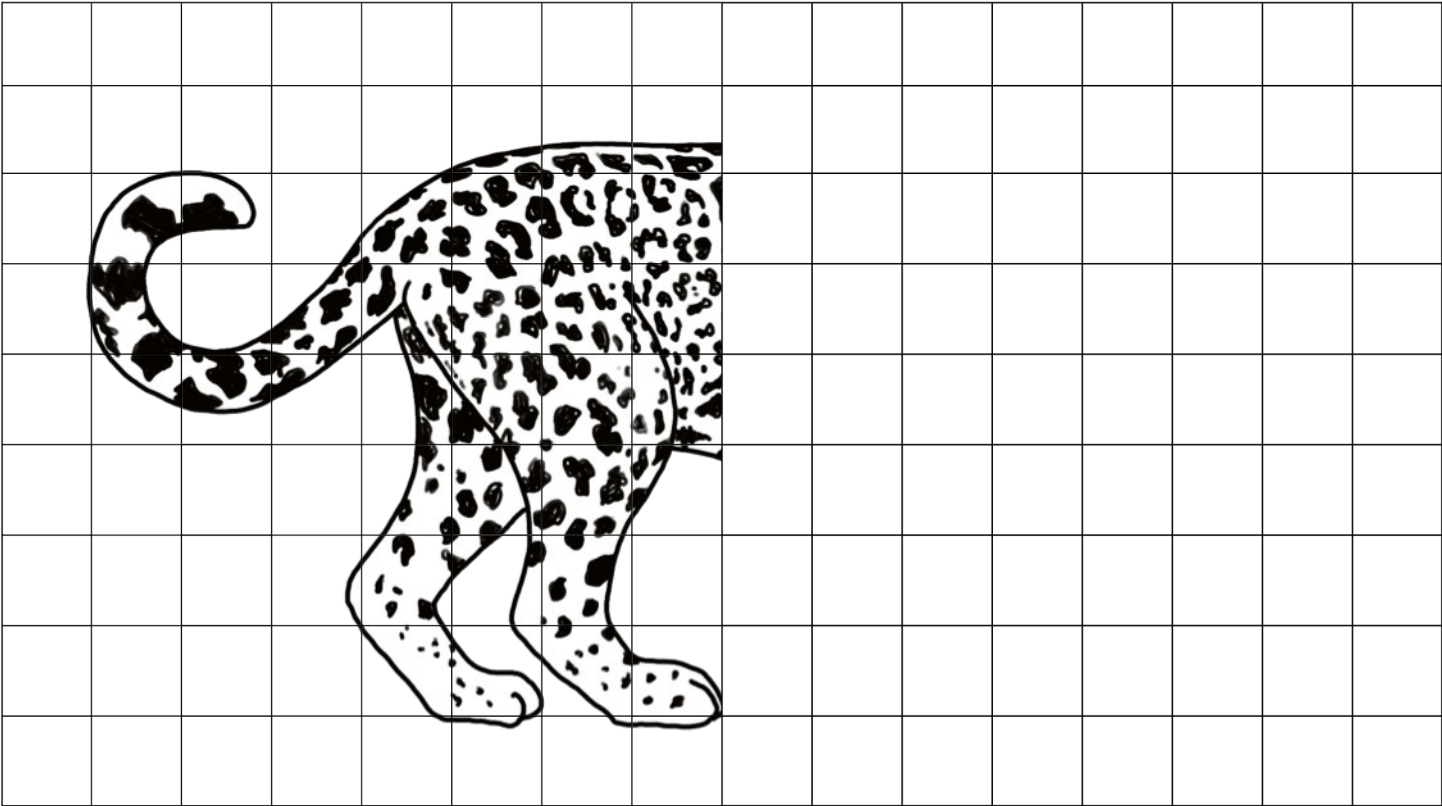
The female jaguar gives birth to one to four babies, called cubs, at a time. The cubs stay with their mother for about two years.

A jaguar is active during the day, but it usually hunts at night. Its favorite foods are the capybara and peccary, but it also eats marsh deer, giant anteaters, armadillos, wild pigs, tapirs, caimans, turtles, and fish.

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# Tiger

The tiger is the largest member of the cat family. The Bengal tiger is the most common of the tigers alive today, but it is endangered. The stripes on the Bengal tiger are different for every tiger, just like fingerprints are for people. A Bengal tiger weighs about 350 to 500 pounds (160 to 230 kg). The Siberian tiger is the largest tiger. It weighs about 660 pounds (300 kg). One uncommon type of tiger is the white tiger. It is usually found in India.

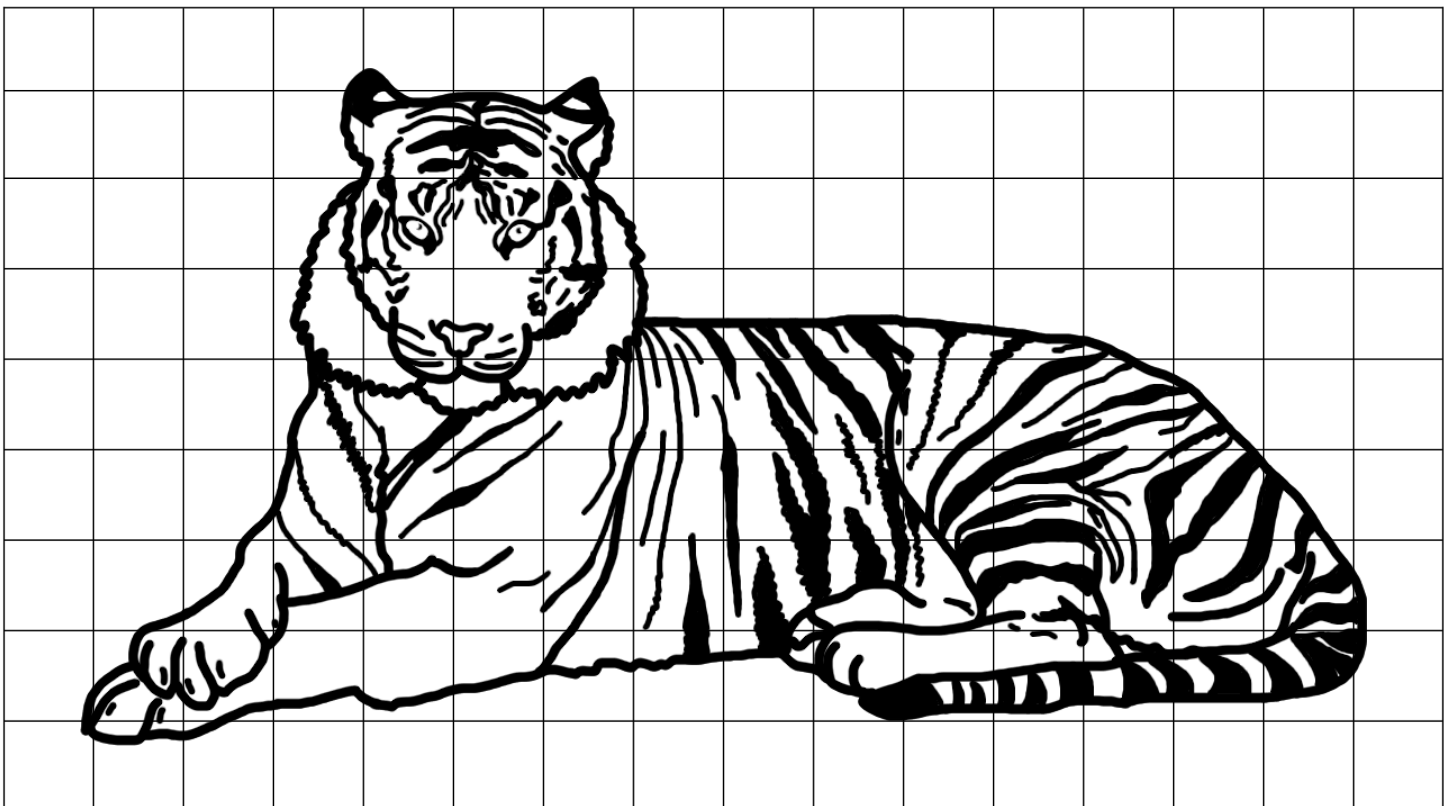
Some types of tigers can live in almost any climate. You can find a tiger in the damp rainforest; in hot, dry areas of India; and in cold, snowy areas of Siberia. A tiger needs food, water, and some shade in order to survive.

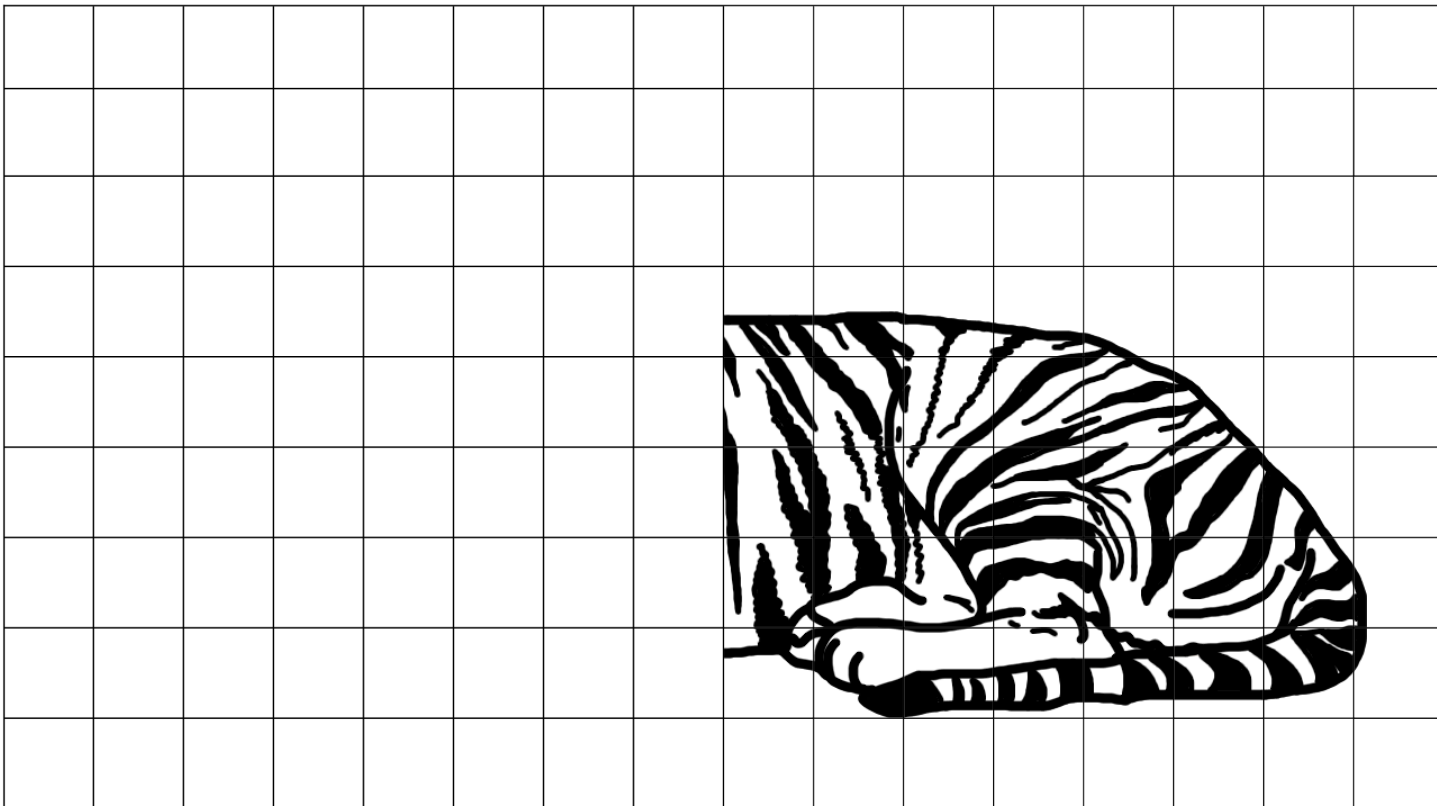
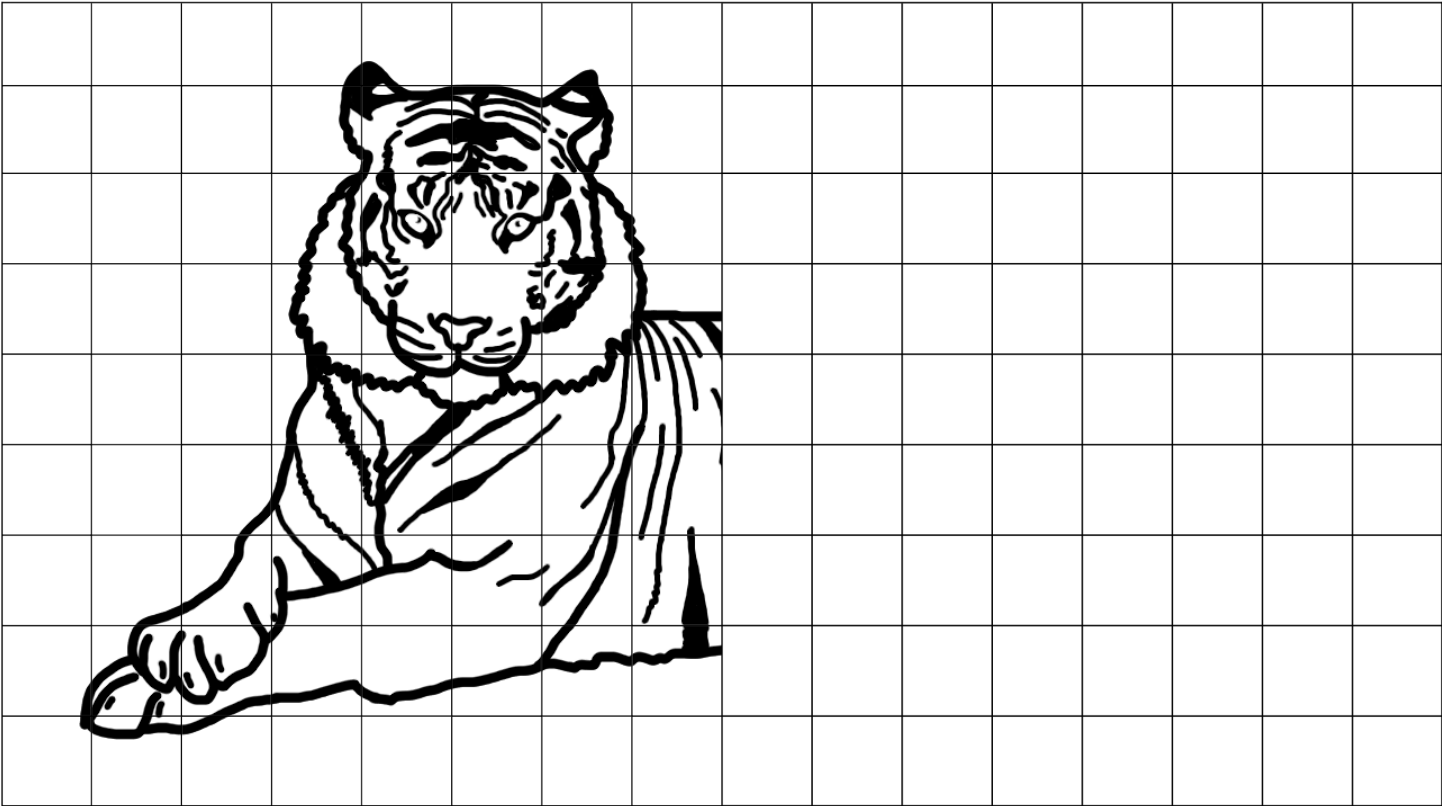
The tiger uses its very sharp senses of hearing and eyesight to hunt at night. It usually hunts large animals like deer, wild boars, or water buffaloes. It also hunts peafowl and porcupines. A tiger's roar can be heard 2 miles (3.2 km) or more away.

A female tiger, called a tigress, will normally have two to four babies, called cubs, at a time. Sometimes, she can have up to seven. A cub stays with its mother until it is between one and two years old and is able to hunt for its own food.

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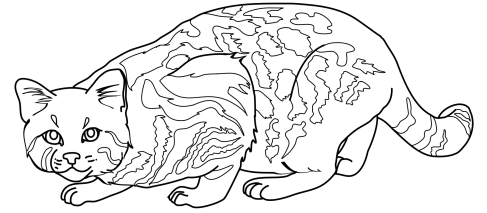
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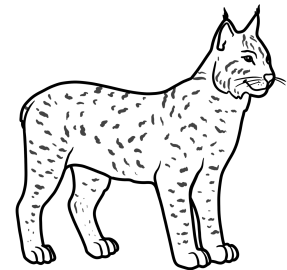
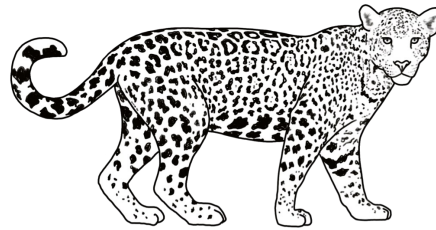


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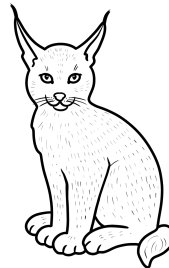
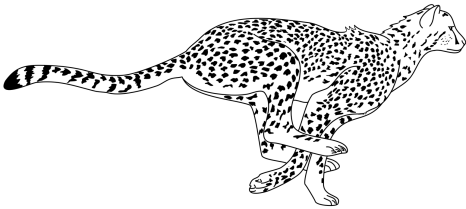
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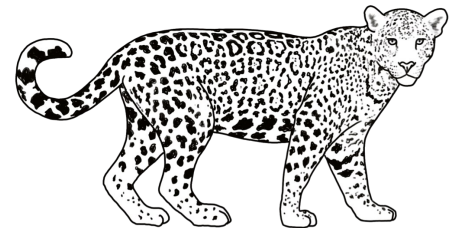
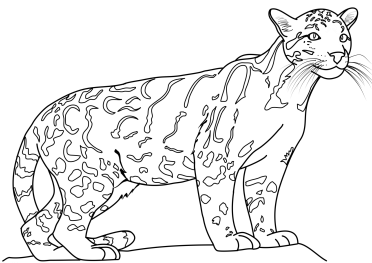
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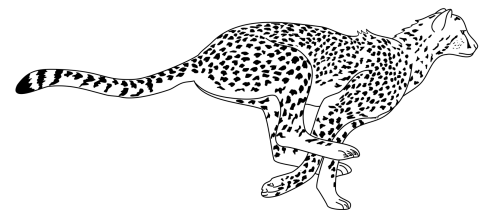
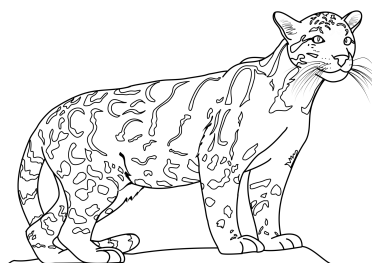
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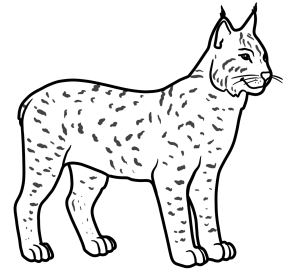
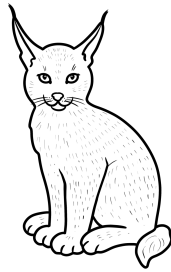


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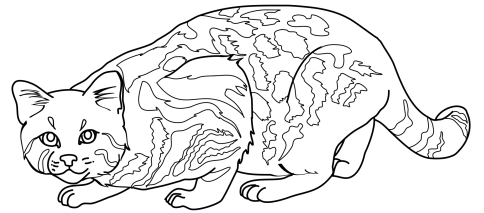


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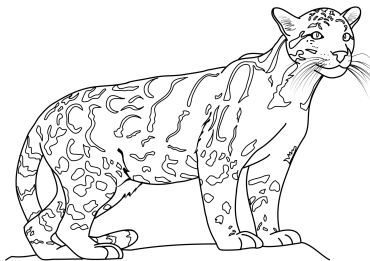
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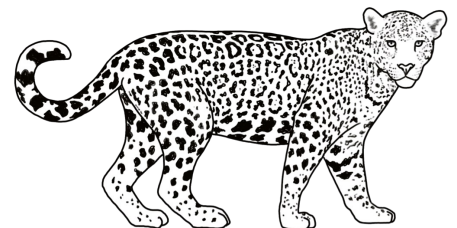
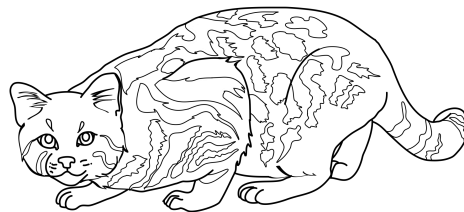
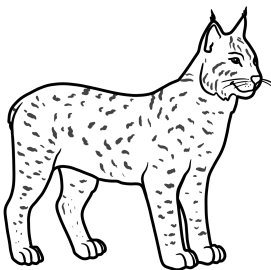
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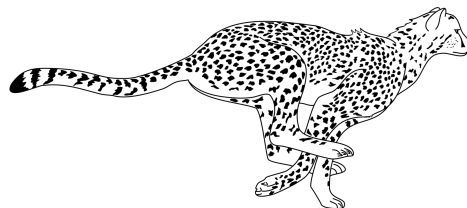
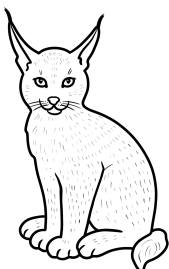
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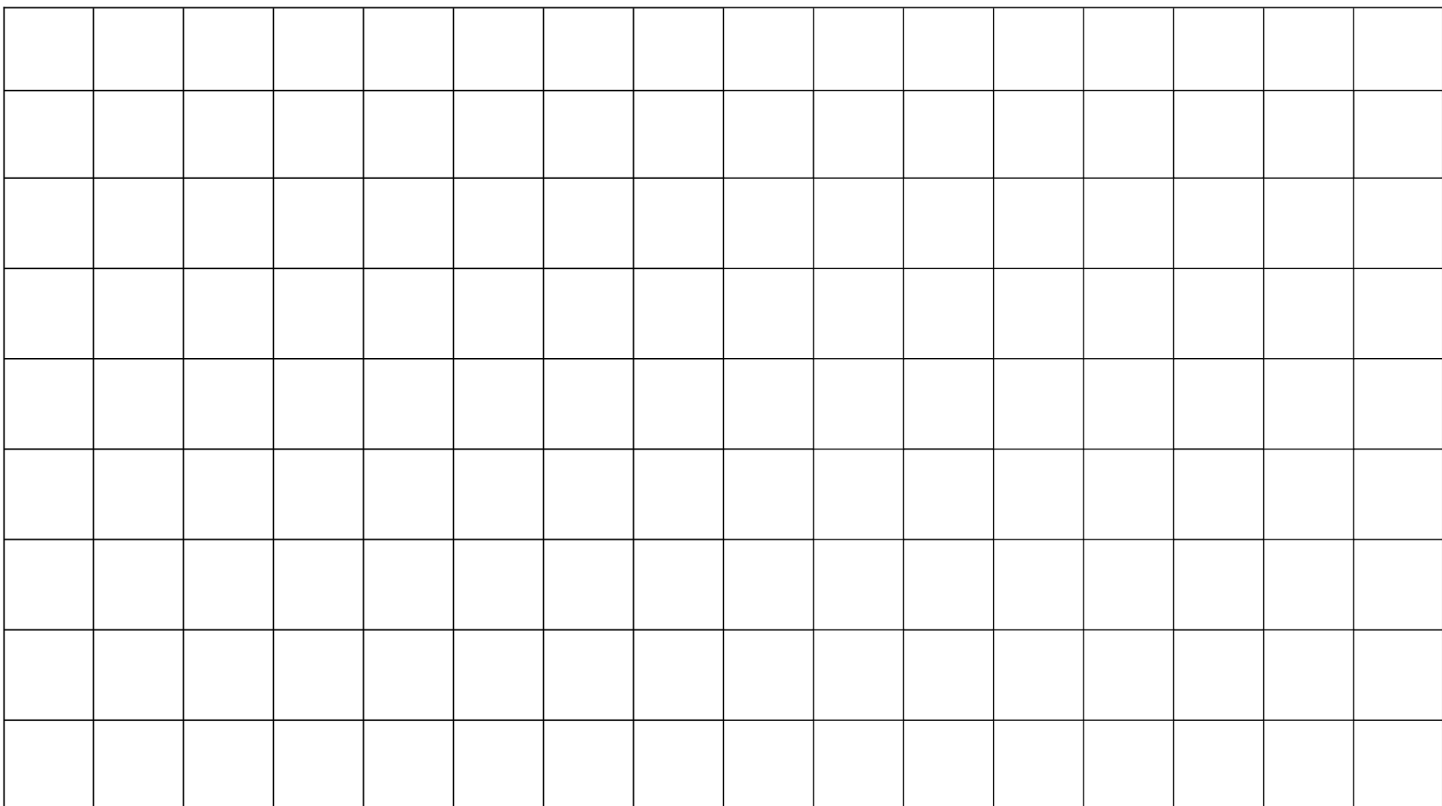
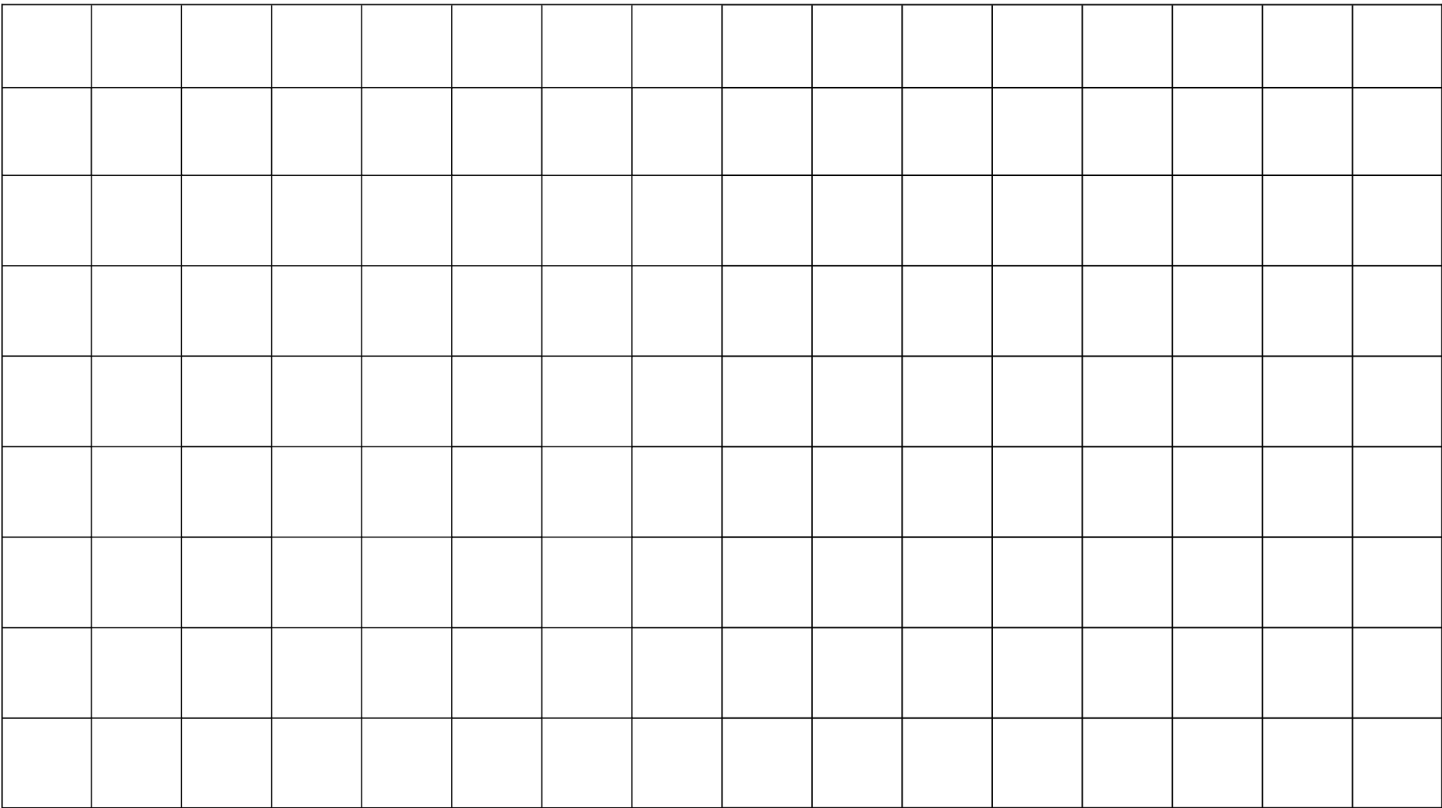
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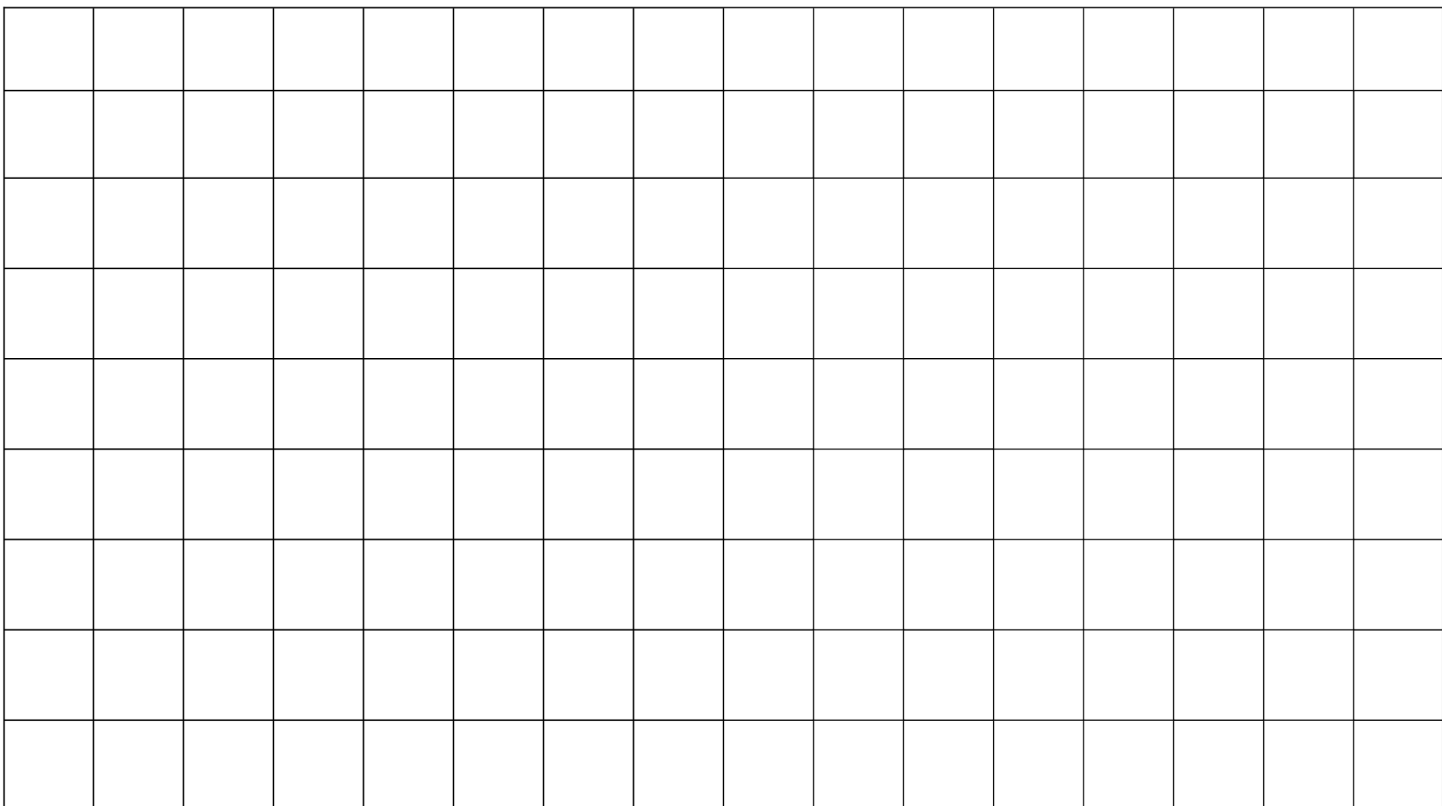
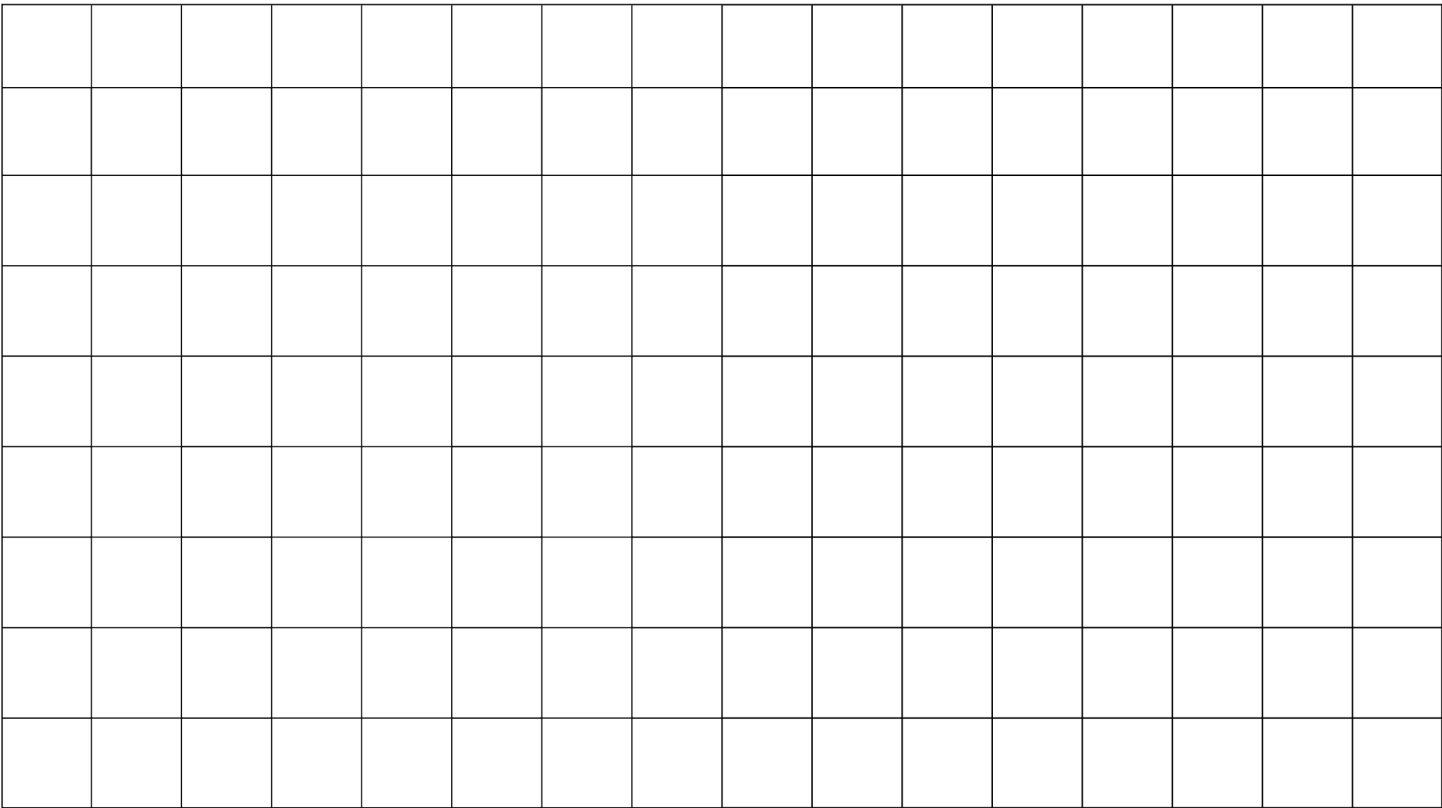


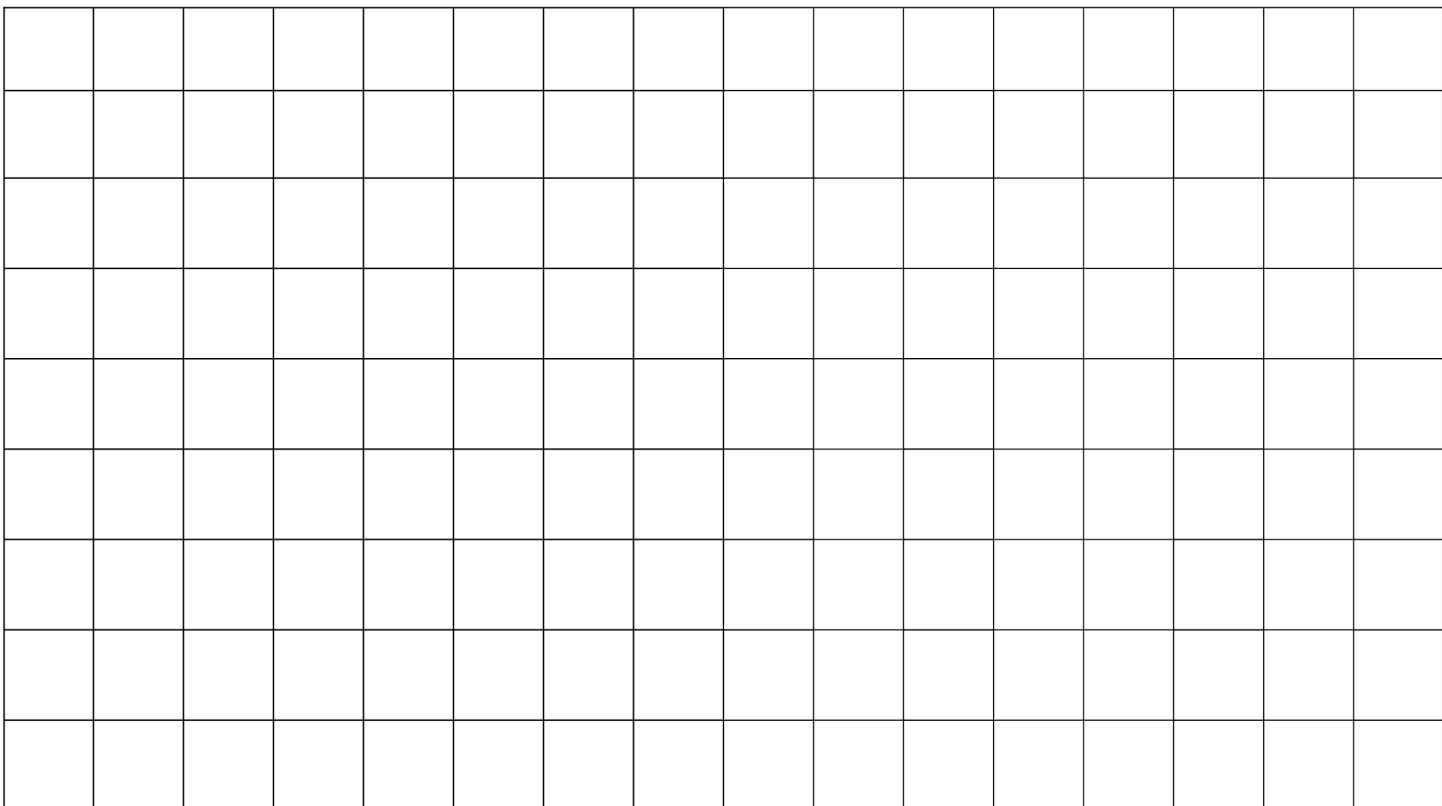
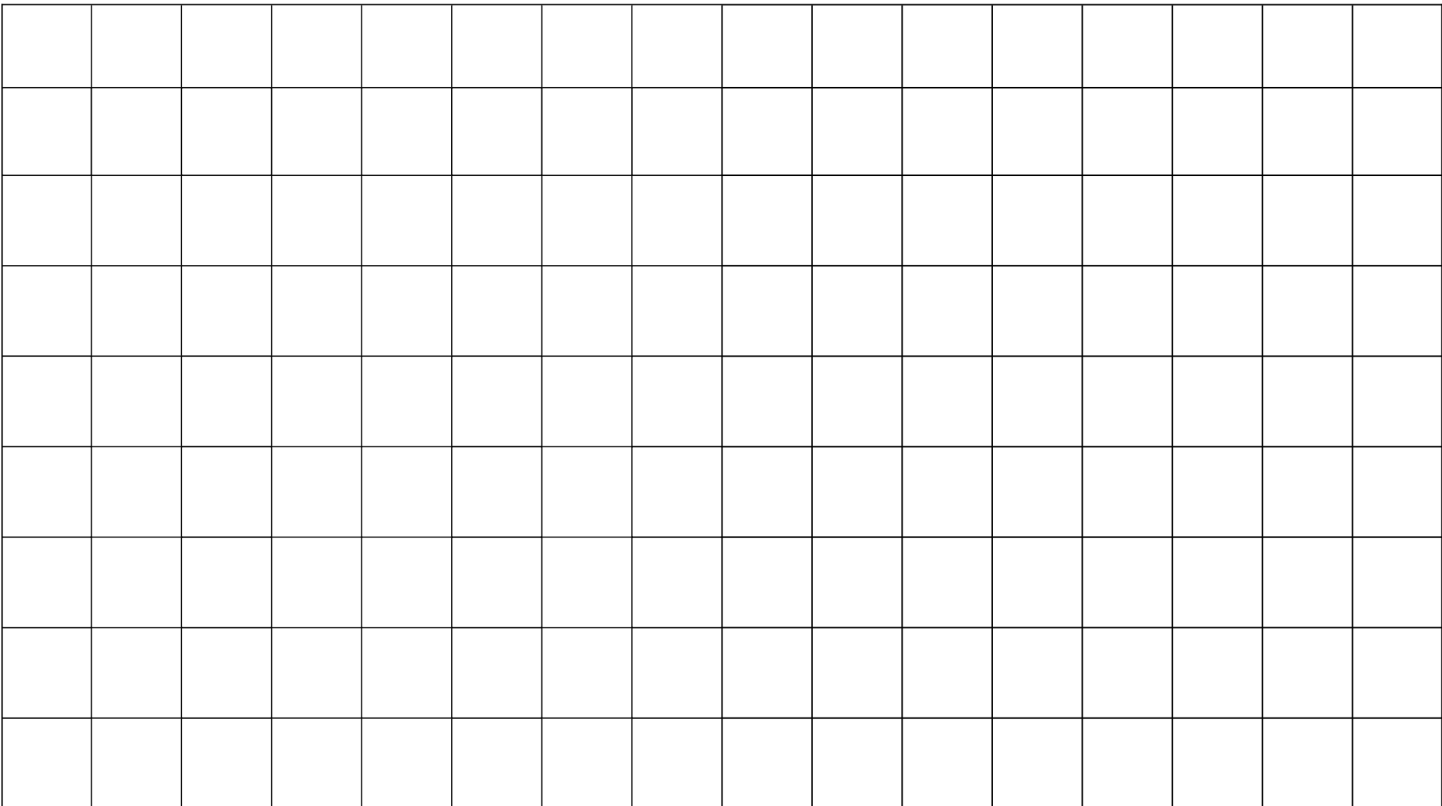
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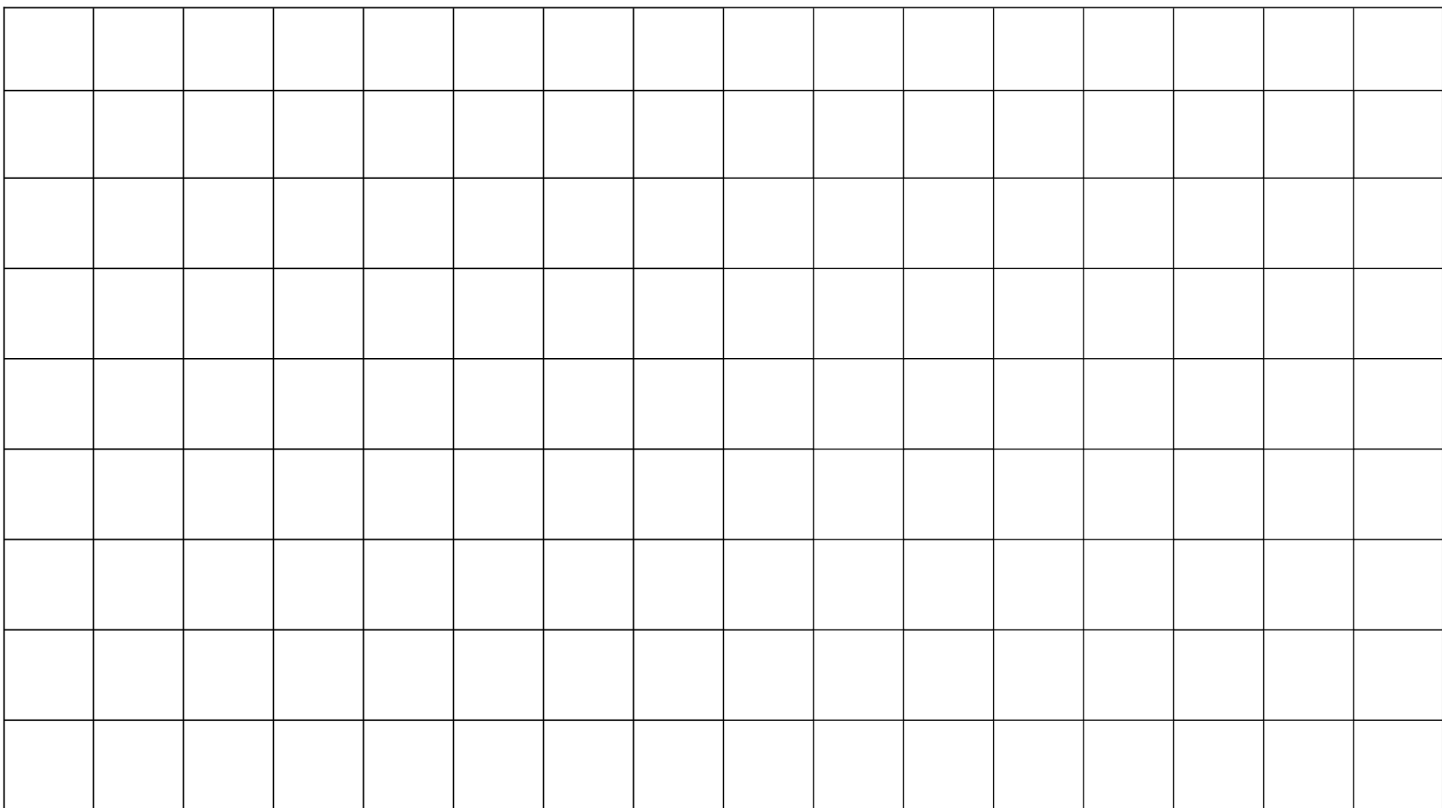
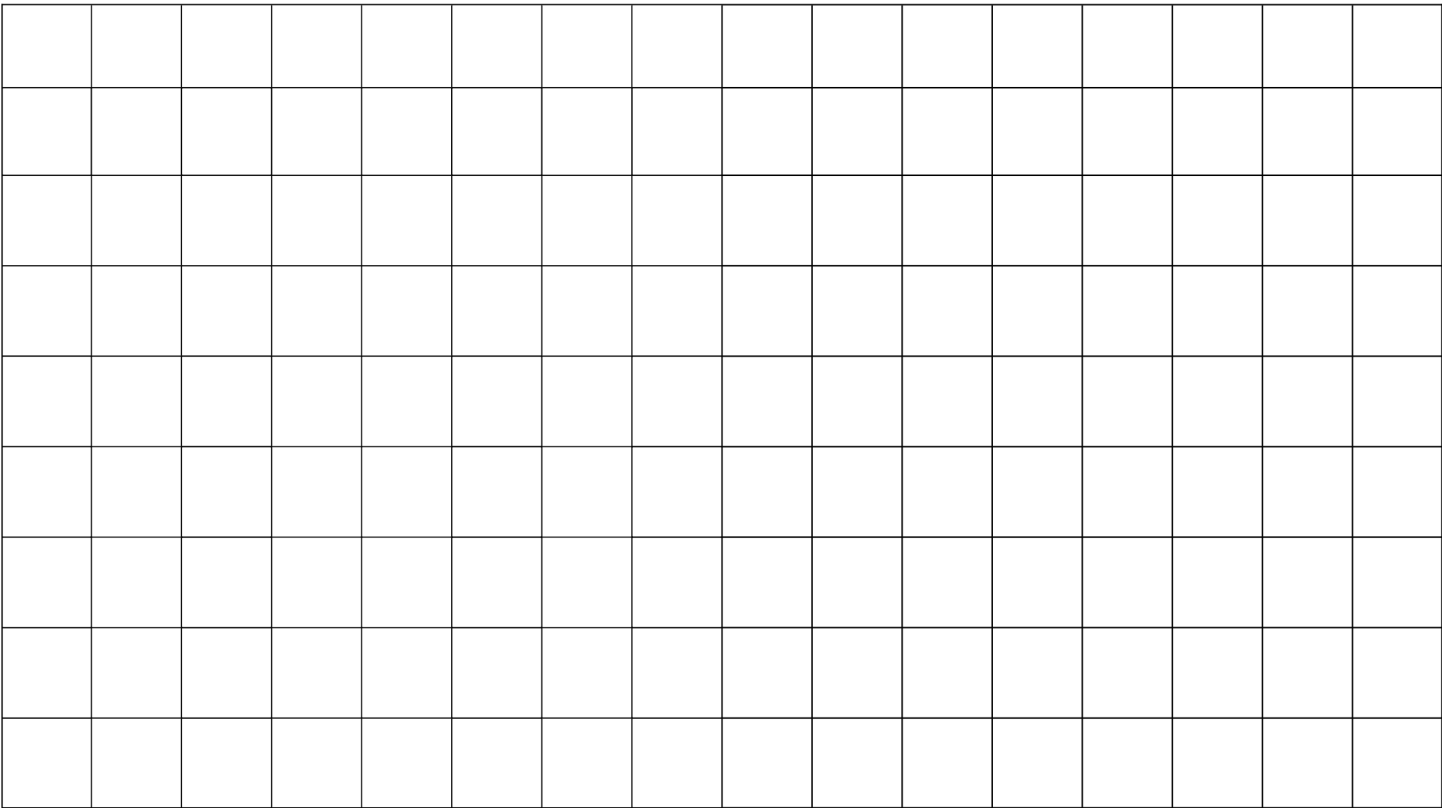


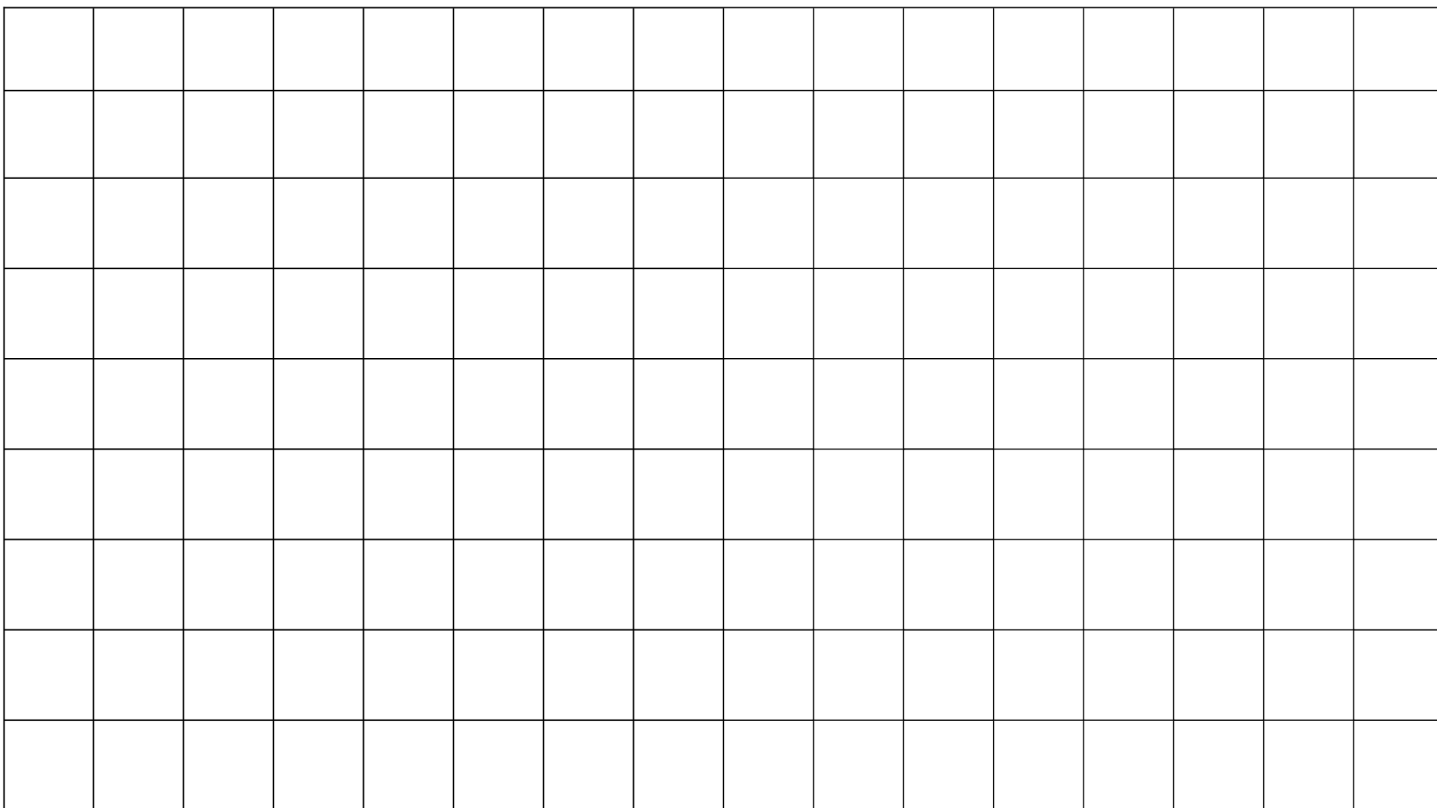
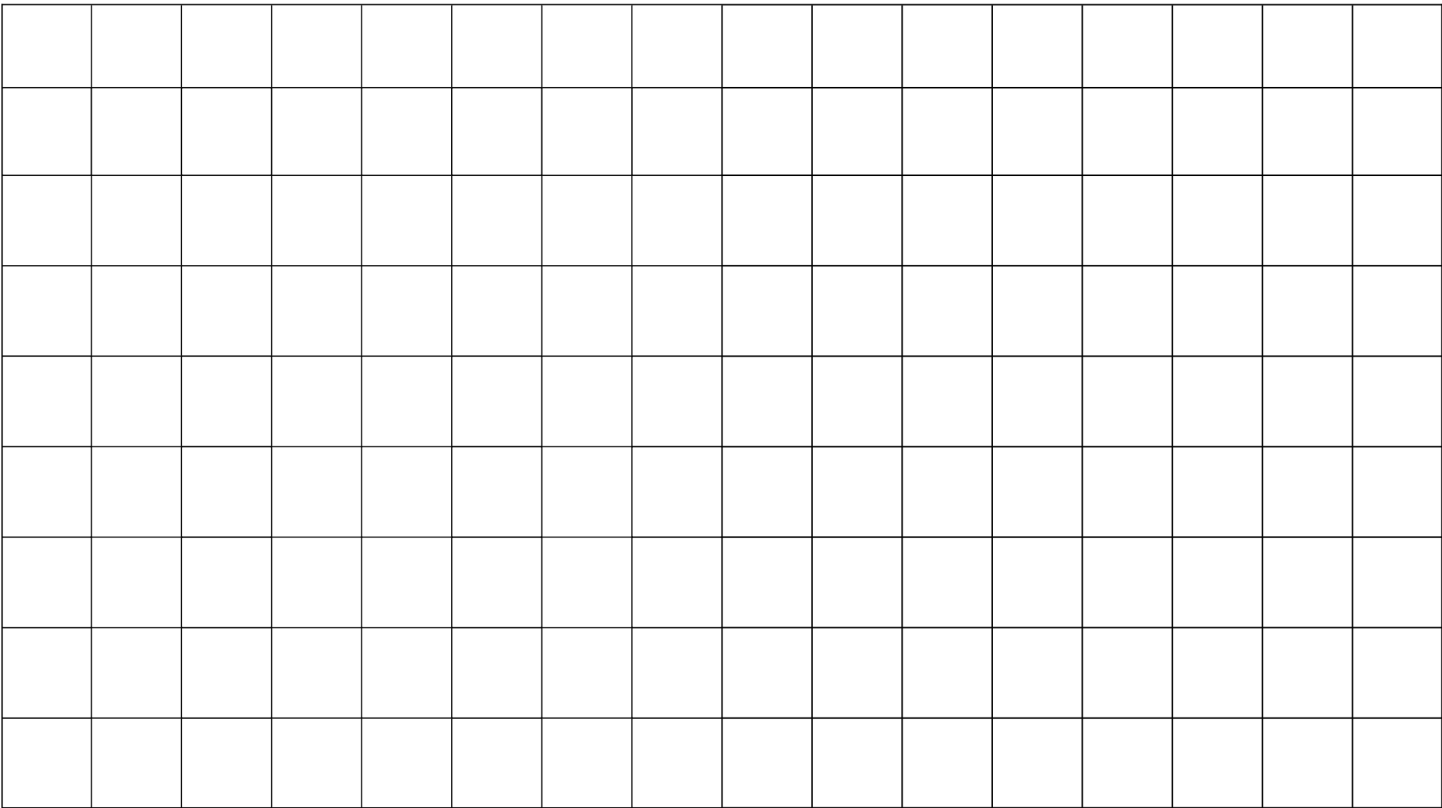










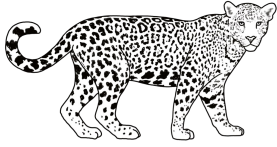


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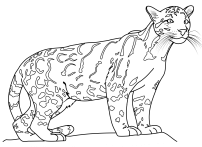
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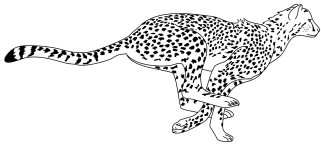
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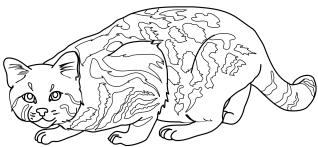
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