

# Primary Worksheets: Black Panther

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The term panther has been used to describe three different kinds of big cats, the leopard, jaguar, and cougar. Panthers are mammals that can reach 7 to 8 feet in length and can weigh anywhere from 100 to 250 pounds.

There is no such thing as a black panther, they are actually just leopards or jaguars that have a black colour mutation! This turns their gold fur to black to match their spots, making their whole coat black.

It is rare for the mutation to happen. It is even possible to see panthers turn completely white, an opposite effect! The opposite mutation gives the panther a large disadvantage as it cannot camouflage itself when hunting, leading to starvation.



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Black panthers can blend in with the shadows of a forest well thanks to their dark-coloured coat. This helps them to be effective hunters, especially at night.

Panthers are great swimmers and climbers. They have been known to jump from trees to trees to catch their prey. They can jump up to 20 feet from a standing position! With their excellent eyesight and hearing, they are one of the best hunters in the world.

Panthers are carnivores, only eating meat. They are known to eat rabbits, birds, deer, and even monkeys! They will bite their prey's throat to put them down.



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Panthers can be found in many different places depending on the type. They can be found in South America, North America and in Africa!

Panthers are usually solitary animals and will hunt alone. They will only interact with other panthers when they want to mate. Females will usually have about 2 to 4 babies every litter and take care of them without the help of the male.

They can live up to 12 years in the wild, and up to 20 years in captivity. They are so rare that zoos often keep them captive as a main attraction.



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Answer the questions.

What is a black panther?

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What do they look like?

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Why are they good hunters?

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Answer the questions.

Where can we find them?

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What do they eat?

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Why are they extinct?

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