

ALPHABET ZOO FACTSHEET

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Letter
T
Animals

TAPIR



1. **Tapirs** mainly live in Central and South America, but the black-and-white Malayan lives in Asia.
2. They're so big and strong, they can push over trees to get to fruit.
3. Their bodies are narrow at the front and wide at the back so they can push through dense bushes.
4. Amazingly, **tapirs** have been around for millions of years and have hardly changed in that time.
5. **Tapir** babies are born with spots and stripes, which fade as they grow older.

WOW!

They use their bendy snouts as snorkels when they're underwater!

1. **Toucans** live in small flocks in the rainforest canopies of Central and South America.
2. Though the beak is huge, it weighs very little. It's made from keratin – the same stuff as your hair and nails.
3. The toucan's beak has a knife-like edge for gripping food. It also has a bristly tongue for tasting.
4. The **toucan** gets its name from the croaking sound it makes. People often think they're hearing frogs when toucans are 'talking'.
5. As part of their mating ritual, some toucans toss fruit to each other to catch in their beaks.

WEIRD!

The toucan is related to the woodpecker!

TOUCAN



TIGER



1. There are six species of **tiger**: Bengal, Amur, Sumatran, Indochinese, South China and Malayan.
2. They make their dens in thick undergrowth, tree hollows or caves.
3. They have amazing night vision and can see six times better than humans.
4. **Tigers** are apex predators, which means no other mammal is strong enough to prey on them, apart from humans.
5. **Tigers** have white spots on the back of their ears, which look like eyes. Experts think they either scare off competitors or give tiger cubs something to follow when they're walking behind mum.

AWESOME!

Tigers have stripy skin as well as stripy fur!

FRUIT FEAST



This tapir has been busy picking fruit with its snout. How many figs and mangoes can you count? **Write your answers in the boxes.**

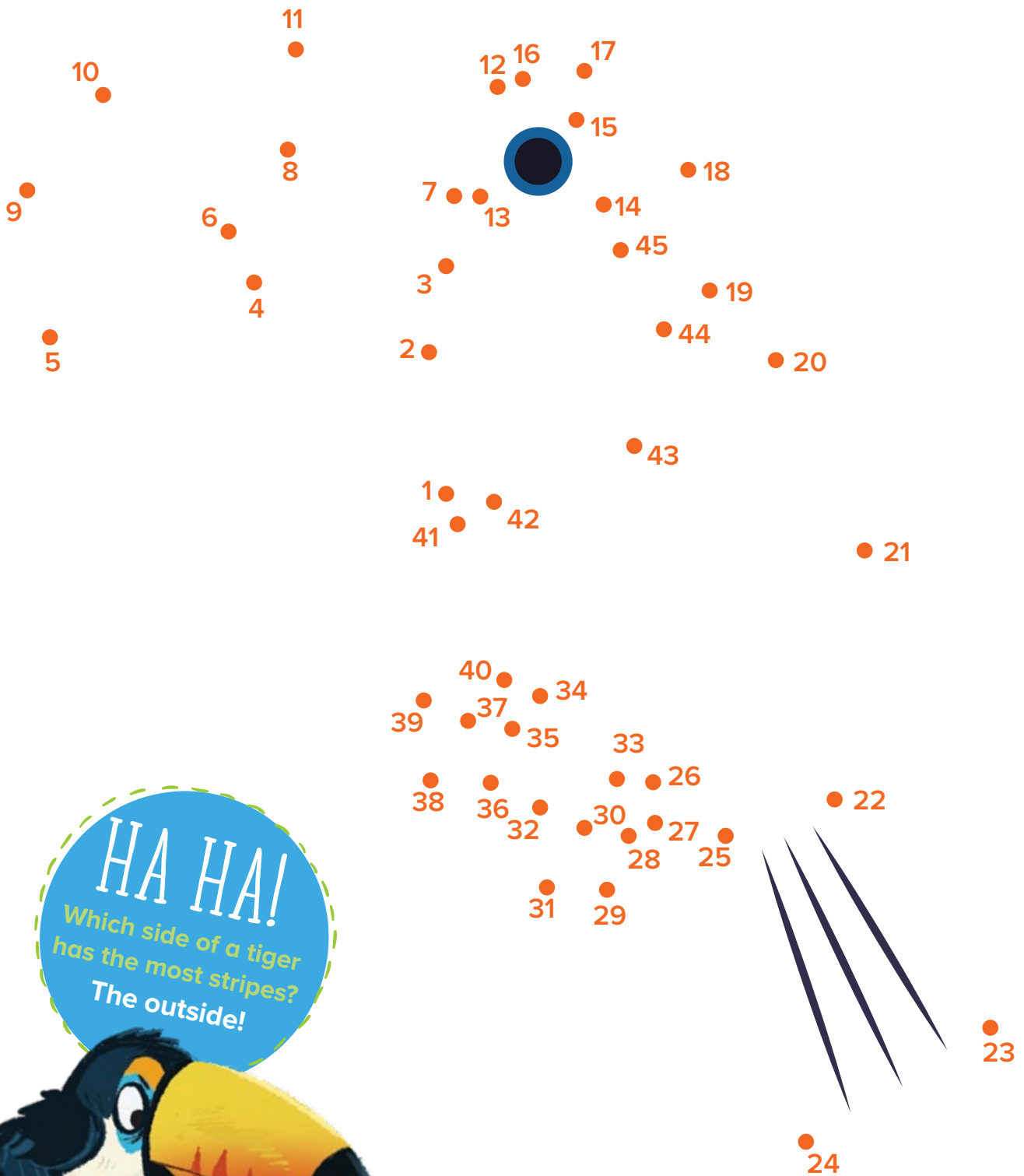
MANGOES

FIGS

Answers: 9 mangoes and 10 figs.

T IS FOR...

Which letter T animal is this? Join the dots to find out.



HA HA!

Which side of a tiger
has the most stripes?
The outside!



COLOUR BY NUMBERS

Use the guide below to colour
in the picture and discover which
animal is hiding in the forest.



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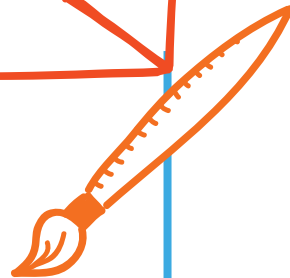
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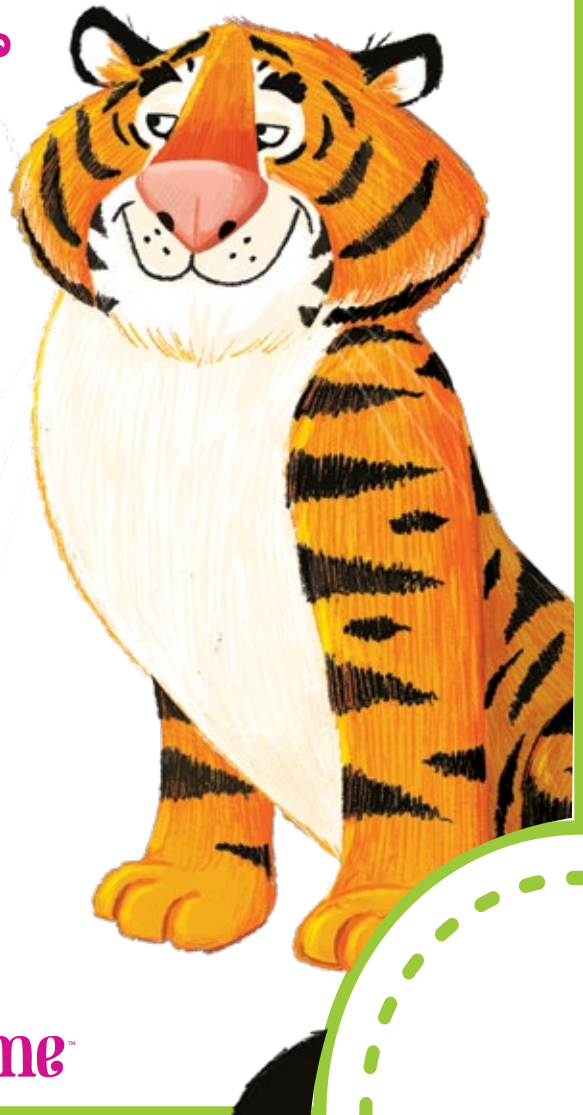
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