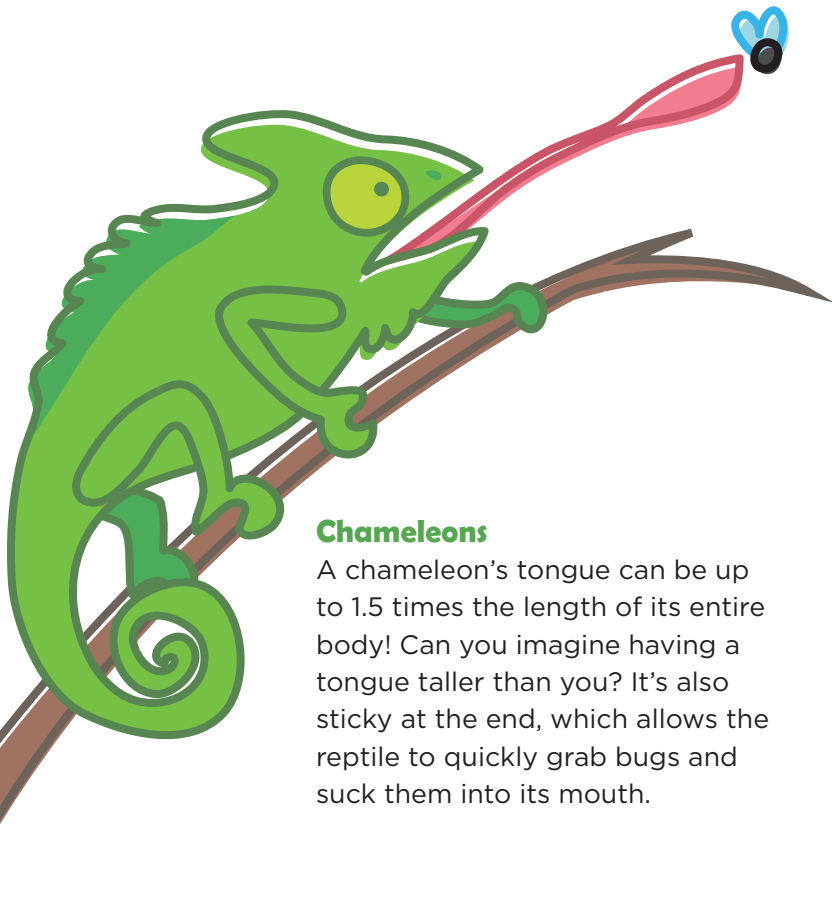


awesome ANIMAL TONGUES

If you've ever been to the zoo, you might have noticed some animals with pretty crazy tongues! Just like us, animals use their tongues to help them eat and make sounds. Here are a few of our favorites:

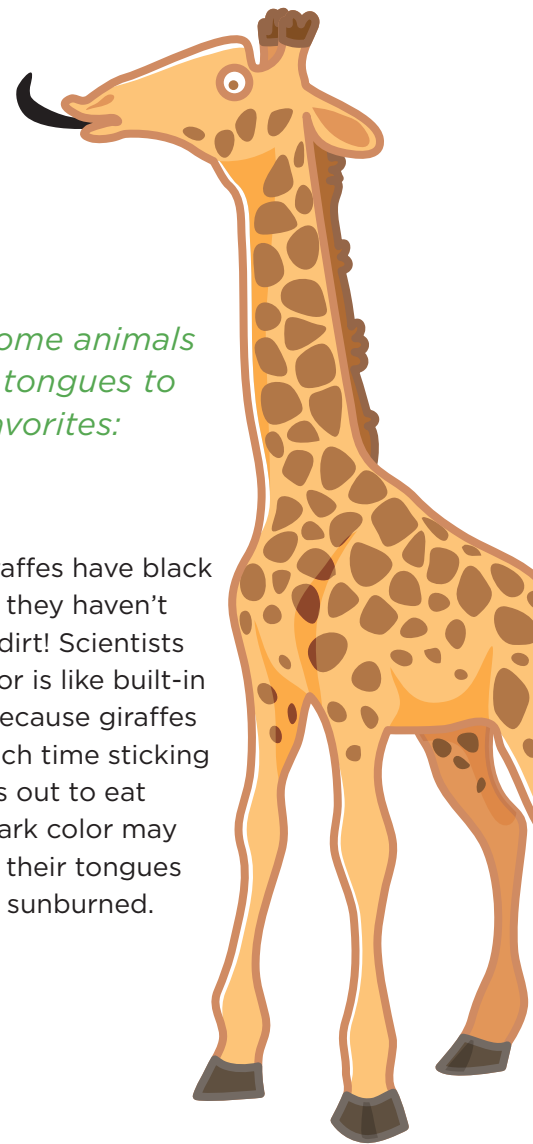


Chameleons

A chameleon's tongue can be up to 1.5 times the length of its entire body! Can you imagine having a tongue taller than you? It's also sticky at the end, which allows the reptile to quickly grab bugs and suck them into its mouth.

Giraffes

Unlike us, giraffes have black tongues. No, they haven't been eating dirt! Scientists think the color is like built-in sunscreen. Because giraffes spend so much time sticking their tongues out to eat leaves, the dark color may help prevent their tongues from getting sunburned.



Anteaters

A giant anteater's tongue can be up to two feet long, which helps it capture ants and other insects to eat. Another crazy fact: A giant anteater can flick its tongue 160 times a minute. That's more than twice per second!

