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1. What does the word adaptations mean?

2. What physical feature allows the tigers to fight each other and kill prey?

3. True or False:

Tigers do not have the features to be able to swim.

4. What does the word camouflage mean?

5. Why is it easy for tigers to hunt at night?

6. Why do tigers move into areas of dense vegetation?

7. What do tigers like to eat?
