## **Grasslands**

bark

grass

burrows

## Use the words below to complete the passage about grasslands.

weather

deserts

	shrubs	flat	obstacles	forests	lions	grazing			
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	areas and	are usually l	ocated betweer	າ	and fores	sts. Grasslands are	e found		
on every continent except for Antarctica.									
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deserts but not enough to support									
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get in the	e way, many grass	land animals	are very fast. C	wls and many	other large b	irds also live in gra	asslands.		
They hunt the many fast rodent animals that scurry around. Many grassland animals also have paws that									
allow the	m to dig	easi	ly. This is becau	ıse grasslands	lack protection	on from			
and predators. Some animals, such as the prairie dog, dig underground tunnel systems for									
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resistant		and able to r	etain moisture e	effectively. Acad	cia trees and	baobab trees are t	IWO		
examples	of trees that mar	age to surviv	ve in grassland (	environments.	RIB	A 0 B A B J	2 2		





protection



## **Grasslands** Answers

## Use the words below to complete the passage about grasslands.

deserts	weather	burrows	bark	grass	protection
shrubs	flat	obstacles	forests	lions	grazing

Grasslands are large, open areas which are covered almost entirely by grass. They are very flat areas and are usually located between deserts and forests. Grasslands are found on every continent except for Antarctica. Grasslands can be very cold in winters and very hot in summers. They are dry regions, with more rain than deserts but not enough to support forests.

Grasslands are home to many grazing animals such as zebras and bison. This is because of the abundance of grass within these regions. These grazing animals support large predators such as <u>lions</u>, cheetahs and coyotes. As grasslands are wide open spaces with few <u>obstacles</u> to get in the way, many grassland animals are very fast. Owls and many other large birds also live in grasslands. They hunt the many fast rodent animals that scurry around. Many grassland animals also have paws that allow them to dig burrows easily. This is because grasslands lack protection from <u>weather</u> and predators. Some animals, such as the prairie dog, dig underground tunnel systems for <u>protection</u>.

Grassland flora consists largely of different species of grass. The species of grass depends on the type of grassland. Some trees and <a href="mailto:shrubs">shrubs</a> do grow in grasslands. A number of these trees have fire-resistant <a href="mailto:bark">bark</a> and able to retain moisture effectively. Acacia trees and baobab trees are two examples of trees that manage

to survive in grassland environments.



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Z T B Y O S H S C G N
Z A A R A U S W I F E
V H O R A T A Y A O I
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dry acacia bison owls
baobab grazing shrubs zebras
cheetahs grassland

