

Educator Guide

DISCUSSION

Ask these questions to the class as a whole or have students discuss in small groups. These questions encourage students to consider their interpersonal relationships and recognize the strength in our differences.

- 1. Tiger's personality is very different from the other animals'. This happens with humans, too! Some people are naturally loud while others are quiet. Some are fierce while others are gentle. Can you think of other pairs of opposite personalities?
- 2. Sometimes people upset others without meaning to. Can you think of a time when this happened? What made everyone feel better? Remember, even though it may not be on purpose, it's important to apologize whenever feelings are hurt!
- 3. How do the animal friends show that Tiger hurt their feelings? Was this a good way to handle the situation?
- 4. It's fun to celebrate your birthday with friends. What does friendship mean? What do you do to be a good friend?

SCIENCE CONNECTION

The star of this story is a tiger. Introduce these big cats with the facts below.

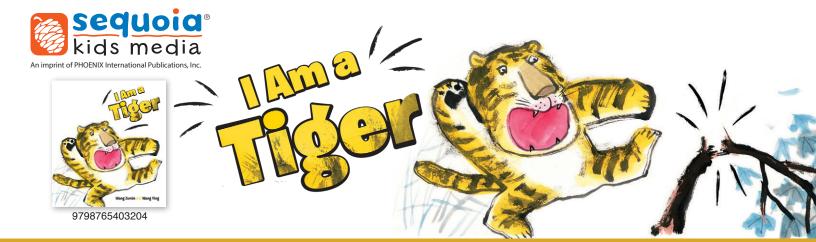
Tigers are by nature quite solitary animals and like to hunt alone, usually at night. Tiger cubs become independent when they are about two years old.

Tigers communicate by roaring, grunting, and chuffing. They also leave scent marks and scratches on trees. These are all ways of telling other tigers and animals that this is their territory.

Tigers have beautiful coats, and each tiger has a unique pattern of stripes. Unfortunately,

tigers have been hunted for their skins and are now an endangered species. There are about 4,500 tigers left in the wild. Now's the time to be a friend to tigers

and support their conservation!



Activities for Kids

LET'S DRAW

Draw a picture of you and your friends together.

WRITE TIGER IN CHINESE

The Chinese word for tiger is 老虎 laohu, written with two characters. Trace the characters below, then practice writing them on your own!



