

What are Hyenas?

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About Hyenas:

- Hyenas are **doglike carnivores** found in **Asia and Africa** and are noted for their **scavenging habits**.
- **Family: Hyaenidae**
- There are **three hyena species** — **spotted** (*Crocuta crocuta*), **brown** (*Arhyaena brunnea*), and **striped** (*Hyaena hyaena*). **Spotted hyenas are the largest** of the three.
- **Habitat: Forest edges, grasslands, savannas**, sub-deserts, and even mountains at an elevation of about 13,000 feet.
- **Distribution:** These animals live throughout **Africa, the Middle East, and parts of Asia**.
- **Features:**
 - They are four-legged animals with **scraggly fur and large ears**.
 - They have **long forelegs** and a **powerful neck and shoulders** for dismembering and carrying prey.

- They are **tireless trotters with excellent sight, hearing, and smell** for locating carrion, and they are proficient hunters as well.
 - All hyenas are more or less **nocturnal**.
 - These animals usually **live for about 12 years**, but they can **live up to 25 years**. Brown hyenas, however, typically have shorter lives.
 - **Conservation Status:** According to IUCN, **spotted hyenas have** populations of **least concern**. However, **brown and striped hyenas are classified as near threatened**.
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Q1) What is a Carnivore?

A carnivore is an organism, in most cases an animal, that eats meat. A carnivorous animal that hunts other animals is called a predator; an animal that is hunted is called prey.

Source: [Hyenas inherit power from moms, but it's a privilege they pay dearly for: Study](#)

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