

Why *do* tigers have stripes?

1 To hide, of course!

Why would a fierce animal like the tiger need to hide anyway?

Not because it's scared, but to take its prey by surprise.

A tiger's stripes let it camouflage [or blend in] with the surrounding grass and dense forest. That way it can sneak up on its prey while avoiding detection.



2 It's special!

Stripes are unique to each individual, so no two tigers in the world are exactly alike. Just like us!

Your turn!

Did you notice the alphabet at the bottom of this page?

Use it to write your own name on the tiger, and make your very own tiger stripe pattern!

