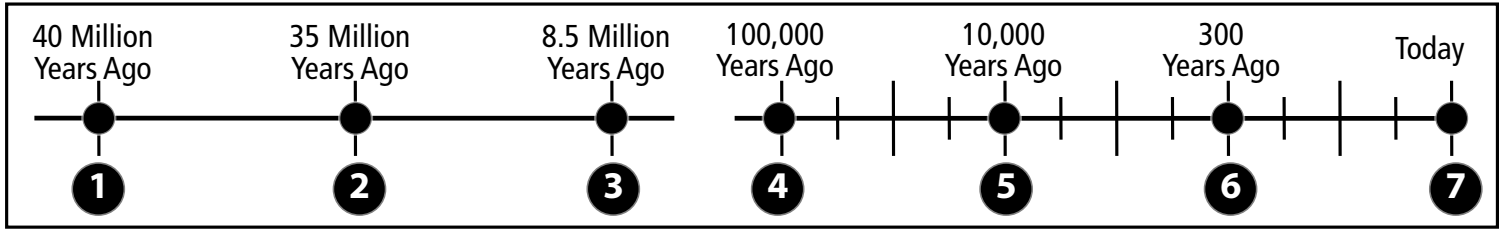


Complete the statements by drawing a line to the correct number.

1. Cougars were nearly hunted to extinction in the eastern United States and Canada about this many years ago. **30**
2. There are this many species of *Felidae* in the world today. **386**
3. Cougars can run this many miles per hour. **2**
4. Male cougars may have territories that cover up to this many square miles. **300**
5. Cougars have more than this many names in the English language. **35**
6. A cougar has this many teeth. **41**
7. Cougar cubs stay with their mother for up to this many years. **40**



Number the events below in the order they should appear on the timeline. Write the number in the box beside each event. Check your answers with page 9 of the book.



The false saber-toothed cat appears. It has shorter teeth and a smaller head than the saber-toothed cat. It looks almost identical to the modern cougar.

The saber-toothed cat goes extinct.

The first saber-toothed cat appears. It is the first cat-like carnivore, and the earliest relative of the cougar.

Saber-toothed cats cross from Asia into North America over the Bering Land Bridge.

The cougar population in the eastern portion of North America dwindles, due to hunting and the building of cities.

Cougars are a protected animal in many countries, including the United States. Though there are thousands of cougars left in nature, there are millions fewer than there used to be.

The first carnivores appear on Earth.



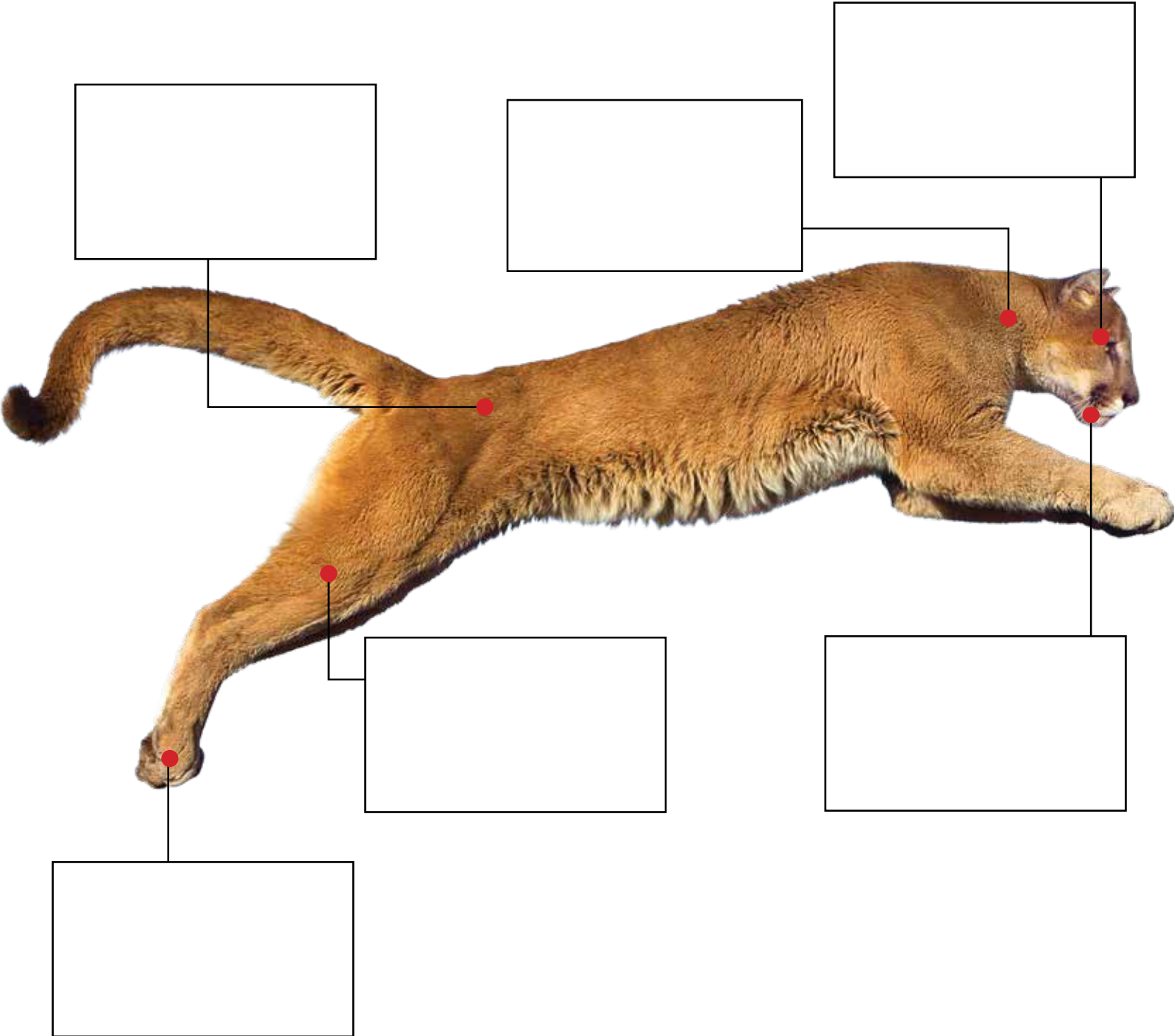
# Cougar Features

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Using the space provided, label each part of the cougar. Then, write a short sentence or two describing each part. Check your answers on pages 12 and 13 of the book.



Using the diagram below, fill in the missing information for each stage of the cougar's life cycle. Check your answers on pages 16 and 17 of the book.



Birth to 2 Weeks



2 Weeks to 2 Years



2 Years



Adults



Using the information found in *Cougars*, verify whether the following statements are true or false. Check your answers in the book. If the answer is false, write the correct answer below the statement. List the page number where you found the information beside your answer.

Statement 1   True  False Page Number

Statement 2   True  False Page Number

Statement 3   True  False Page Number

Statement 4   True  False Page Number

Statement 5   True  False Page Number



1 Cougars belong to which family?

2 Where are cougars found in nature?

3 How long do cougars usually live in nature?

4 What do cougars eat?

5 What ancient city was built in the shape of a cougar?

6 How high can cougars jump?

7 What color are a newborn cougar's eyes?

8 When did the first carnivores appear on Earth?

9 How did cougars' ancestors get from Asia to North America?

10 How many names do cougars have in the English language?



## Key Words Match-Up

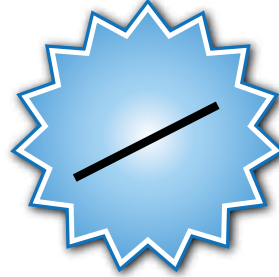
Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word. Check your answers on page 23 of the book.

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albino	habitat	prey
ambush	Inca	species
ancestor	indigenous	
extinction	plaza	

Your  
Score is



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- the first or original people, plants, or animals of a certain place
- the environment in which an animal lives
- an animal that is hunted
- no longer living any place on Earth
- attack from a hidden position or by surprise
- a person, plant, animal, or object from a past time
- animals or plants that share certain features and can breed together
- a public meeting place
- an animal that has no pigment, or color, in its skin, fur, or eyes
- ancient people who lived in South America; their empire lasted from the 1100s to 1533



## Cougar Quiz Answer Key

Compare your quiz answers with the answer key below.

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1. The cat family
2. Western North America and the Florida Everglades
3. 10 years
4. Meat
5. Cusco
6. 18 feet (5.5 m)
7. Blue
8. 40 million years ago
9. The Bering Land Bridge
10. More than 40

