

# How the Tiger Got Its Stripes

Once upon a time, in the deep green jungles, there lived a tiger without any stripes. He was fluffy and orange but looked very plain. One day, he wanted to change how he looked, so he decided to ask other animals for help.

In nature, tigers have stripes that help them camouflage, which means they can blend in with the bushes and trees. This helps them sneak up on their prey, like deer, so they can catch food more easily. Can you guess how the stripes are created?

Our bodies, including a tiger's body, are made up of tiny building blocks called cells. When tigers grow in their mom's belly, special instructions in their cells tell their fur to have stripes. These instructions come from their DNA, which is like a recipe book that tells the body how to grow.

The stripes are really cool! They are actually like patterns made by nature. Just like how crayon colors mix, the tiger's cells mix together to create dark orange and black colors to form the stripes that we see. Each tiger has different stripes, making them unique, just like how every person has different fingerprints.

So, next time you see a tiger, remember that its beautiful stripes help it in the wild and are a special part of how it was made!