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Giraffe Tongue Mix and Match

Match a statement from Part A with a statement in Part B

Part A

Giraffe tongues are black. _____

Giraffes eat 75 lbs. of thorny acacia leaves every day. _____

A giraffe can wash and scratch its face using its tongue. _____

Giraffe tongues are prehensile (can hold things). _____

Giraffe tongues, like their necks, are long. _____

Part B

- a) Fine-tuned muscles give the tongue control and make it easy to grasp with.
- b) Average length of a giraffe tongue is 18–20 inches.
- c) The long tongue is versatile.
- d) It prevents them from sunburn because they stick their tongues out so much.
- e) Papillae and thick saliva protect the giraffe's mouth.

Mash Up

Combine the matched statements above to make one sentence on each line. You can add or take away words to make the new sentences sound smooth. One example is done for you.

1. A giraffe's tongue is so versatile that the giraffe can wash and scratch its face with it.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____