

## You Could Outrun a Cheetah!

1 Picture a race between a human and a cheetah. A human can run about 28 miles per hour. A cheetah can run 60 miles per hour. Most people would think the cheetah would win the race. But it depends on how far they run.

### Cooling Down

2 A cheetah runs at top speed for short distances. It overheats if it runs any longer. Cheetahs pant to cool down. They stick out their tongues. They suck in air. It takes a long time to cool off this way. They are made to run short distances.

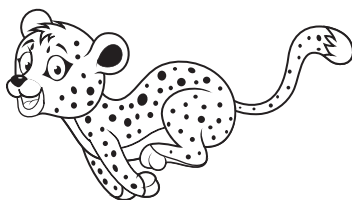
3 A marathon is a race that is over 26 miles. A human will win this kind of race. Humans sweat to cool down. The body cools down when air hits wet skin. Humans can run and sweat at the same time. It does not take extra time. They are made to run long distances.

### Our Bodies

4 Humans have long leg bones. They have strong leg muscles. It is easy for humans to keep their balance. It is easy to stay upright. Their feet bounce as they run. Their toes grip the ground. These things also help them run for a long time.

### Beating Other Animals

5 Humans can beat other animals, too. In one race, humans ran against riders on horseback. A human runner won the race. He beat the horses!



1.3B (Vocabulary—Context) L

1. What does the word overheats mean in paragraph 2?
- A Gets too hot
  - B Is not very hot
  - C Gets hot again and again

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2. What does the word upright mean in paragraph 4?
- A Active
  - B Lying down
  - C Standing

1.9D (Informational—Central Idea/Features/Patterns) M

3. This passage is mainly about—
- A times a person has won a race against an animal
  - B ways a person’s body and an animal’s body are the same
  - C things that help a person run longer than an animal

1.7C (Response—Text Evidence) L

4. A marathon is a race that a human would most likely—
- A tie with an animal if the two were racing
  - B win against an animal if the two were racing
  - C lose against an animal if the two were racing

1.6G (Comprehension—Evaluate Details) H

5. Sweating cools down a human faster than panting cools down a cheetah because a human—
- A sweats all the time
  - B forces his body to sweat
  - C does not have to stop what he is doing to sweat

1.9D (Informational—Central Idea/Features/Patterns) L

6. Under which heading would you find out if a human has won a race against another type of animal?
- A Cooling Down
  - B Our Bodies
  - C Beating Other Animals

1.10A (Author's Purpose—Message) M

7. Why did the author most likely write this passage?
- A To prove that cheetahs are not fast runners
  - B To tell ways a human is a faster runner than some animals
  - C To talk about different animals that are not as fast as a human