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Unusual Animals: Maned Wolf



The big bad wolf is a fierce hunter in fairy tales. Whether hunting little pigs or little red riding hood, wolves are portrayed as dangerous creatures. However, there is a kind of wolf that should not make you quake with fear. It is called the maned wolf.

The maned wolf is a native of South America. It lives in grasslands, areas where the grass is very high. The maned wolf looks more like a fox than a wolf, it has different ears and is a different color.

It has a small face with large pointy ears and red fur covering its body. Unlike other wolves the maned wolf has one very distinct feature; it's long deer like legs. These legs allow the wolf to see over the tall grass, keeping the maned wolf safe from predators that want to eat it.

The maned wolf is a predator, like a wolf, but it does not attack people or large animals. This wolf hunts small prey like rodents, rabbits, mice and rats that live in the area. Unlike a wolf, the maned wolf is very shy. It is more likely to run away from little red riding hood than try to attack her.

A. What country is the maned wolf from? _____

B. Read the story. Complete the chart.

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| The Maned Wolf | <p style="text-align: center;">Wolf vs Manned Wolf</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Similarities and Differences</p> <table border="1"><tr><td data-bbox="889 1327 951 1352">Wolf</td><td data-bbox="1198 1327 1338 1352">Maned Wolf</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2" data-bbox="1068 1545 1130 1570" style="text-align: center;">Same</td></tr></table> | Wolf | Maned Wolf | Same | |
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| Description Looks: Life and Diet | | | | | |

C. The wolf in stories like Red Riding Hood, is probably a grey wolf. Use a computer to learn more about the grey wolf. Write details about the grey wolf below. Share what you learned with a partner.