

# Grey Wolf Olympics

1. Wolves spend up to 10 hours a day looking for food, often running.
  - a. I can run in place for \_\_\_ minutes.
2. Male grey wolves are the largest wolves growing up to 32 inches tall and 5 feet long on average. Plus their tale averages another 1.5 feet!
  - a. I am \_\_\_ feet tall standing up.
  - b. I am \_\_\_ feet tall lying on the ground with my fingers stretched up and my toes pointed.
3. A hungry gray wolf may eat 20 pounds of meat at one sitting. That is an average of 9 pepperoni pizza slices.
  - a. I can eat \_\_\_ slices of pizza
4. Wolves have large ears that allow them to hear pack members howling from as far away as 10 miles (16km).
  - a. I can hear a watch ticking from \_\_\_\_\_ inches away (snapping is a good alternative to a watch).
5. Wolves often travel at five miles (8 kilometers) an hour, but can reach speeds of 40 miles (64 kilometers) an hour.
  - a. I can sprint 10 feet in \_\_\_\_\_ seconds.
6. Wolf packs usually hunt within a territory, which can range from 50 square miles (129 square kilometers) to over 1,000 square miles (2,590 square kilometers).
  - a. My kitchen is \_\_\_\_\_ feet from the front room.
  - b. My favorite restaurant is \_\_\_ miles from home.
7. Wolf tracks are about five inches long by four inches wide, much larger than Coyote or domestic dog tracks.
  - a. My hand is \_\_\_ inches long.
  - b. My hand is \_\_\_ inches wide with my fingers splayed.

## Bonus Facts!

- Gray wolves are the largest living wild canine species.
- Wolves howl to solidify pack bonds and warn other wolf packs to stay away—but despite popular belief, wolves don't howl at the moon.
- Baby wolves weigh about 1 pound at birth.

## Sources

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### Websites

<https://www.nwf.org/Educational-Resources/Wildlife-Guide/Mammals/Gray-Wolf>

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