The lion is the king of beasts,
It has a mighty roar.
It eats a meal
And then will rest
For twenty hours or more!

The lion roams the grassy plain
With members of its pride.
They sleep and play
Throughout the day
All staying side by side.

The lion is a royal beast,
Its mane is thick and long.
I can’t think of
Another beast
More beautiful or strong!

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Rhyme Time

play ____________
side ____________
roar ____________
long ____________

Circle the words above in the poem. Write their rhyming words on the line and circle them in the poem.

Lion Facts

Lions are the most social of all wild cats. They live in Africa in groups called prides. There can be 25 or more in a pride. In their pride, lions defend their territory. Lions are nocturnal. They sleep during the day. Hunting is generally done in the dark. By lionesses, males eat first, then females and then cubs. After a day of hunting, they stay in the pride and rest. They raise cubs and hunt prey.