# gir·affe [giraffe giraffes] *BrE* [dʒə'rɑ□]f<sup>®</sup> *NAmE* [dʒə'ræf]<sup>®</sup> noun (pl. gir·affe or gir·affes)

a tall African animal with a very long neck, long legs, and dark marks on its coat

#### Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from French girafe, Italian giraffa, or Spanish and Portuguese girafa, based on Arabic zarāfa. The animal was known in Europe in the medieval period, and isolated instances of names for it based on the Arabic are recorded in Middle English, when it was commonly called the camelopard.

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[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Italian; Origin: giraffa, from Arabic zirafah]

a tall African animal with a very long neck and legs and dark spots on its yellow-brown fur

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