

**1** Reindeer are also known as caribou. They live in the Arctic tundra. The tundra is a flat, treeless region located near the North Pole. Reindeer can be found in Russia, Canada, Alaska, Northern Europe and Asia. They have an average life span of 15 years. Reindeer range in size from 175 to 400 pounds.



**2** Reindeer have one of the longest migration of any other animal. They can travel 15-30 miles a day and up to 3,000 miles a year. Their longest migrations take place in the spring and fall. Reindeer migrate in herds from 50,000 to 500,000. Reindeer are herbivores. Their diet consists mostly of lichens, moss, leaves, mushrooms and grasses. They eat on average 9-14 pounds of vegetation a day.

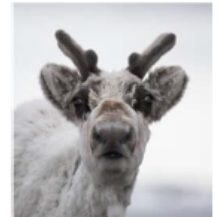


**7** A baby reindeer is called a calf. Calves are usually born in late spring or early summer. Calves will begin to walk soon after birth and can even run a few hours after they are born. They will drink their mother's milk for the first month but will quickly begin to graze on grass as well. Also reindeer calves do not have spots like other types of deer.



**8** Did you know?

- Reindeer can run up to 50 m.p.h.
- Reindeer have scent glands on their ankles. If a reindeer thinks it is in danger it will release a smell into the air to alert other reindeer.
- Reindeer make a clicking sound when they walk because of tendons in their feet rubbing against bone.



7. What kind of reindeer are the most vulnerable to predator attacks?



8. Why do reindeer rub their antlers on trees and rocks?



10. Name one way reindeer can adapt to their environment?



11. Why are reindeer hooves harder in the winter?



19. What do reindeer have on their ankles?



20. When do reindeer release a smell from their scent glands?



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2 Reindeer are herbivores. They eat lichens, moss, leaves and grasses. They can eat about 9-12 pounds of food a day.



5 Reindeer hooves change with the seasons. In summer they are softer. In winter they harden to help them walk in the snow and to dig through it to find food.



3 Reindeer fur grows in two layers. The top layer is hollow. Air becomes trapped in this layer and helps to hold in their body heat. This helps to protect them from the cold.



5. How much food can reindeer eat in a day?



6. TRUE or FALSE  
Only male reindeer have antlers.



10. Name one of the reindeer's predators.



11. What are reindeer hooves like in the summer?



16. When can a baby reindeer begin to walk?



17. TRUE or FALSE  
Reindeer are slow runners.

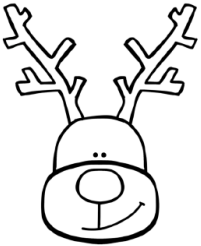


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# Reindeer KWL

### What I Know

### What I want to know



### What I learned



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Alphabetical Order

Directions: Put the words in ABC order.

lichens  
hollow  
seasons  
Arctic  
predators


adapts  
hooves  
fur  
migration  
calves

herbivores  
tundra  
caribou  
reindeer  
snow

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# Reindeer Syllables

Name: \_\_\_\_\_


Directions: Read the words. Decide how many syllables the word has. Write it in the correct column.

1 syllable	2 syllables	3 syllables

lichens
seasons
hollow
herbivores
Arctic

tundra
predators
hooves
antlers
fur

calves
adapts
migration
protect
cold



# All About Reindeer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Fact or Opinion?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Read the sentence. If it is a fact, color the reindeer red. If it is an opinion color the reindeer green.



Reindeer are herbivores.



The tundra is very hot.



Reindeer have many predators.



Reindeer are afraid of water.



Reindeer hibernate in winter.



Calves are baby reindeer.



Reindeer fur is dark in winter.



Reindeer hooves are soft in summer.

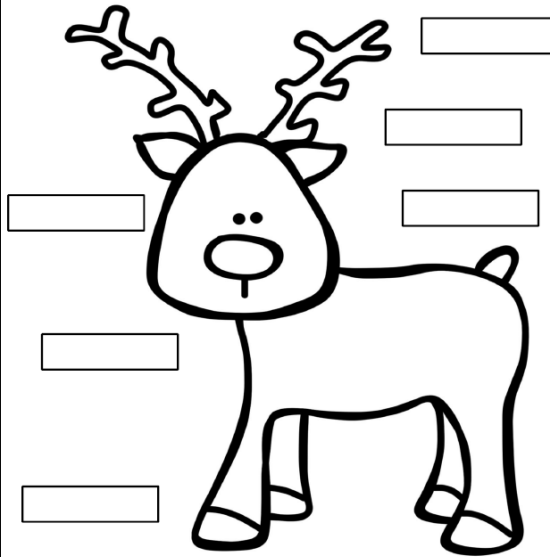


Calves are born in the fall.

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## Label the reindeer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Hooves

Tail

Eyes

Eyes

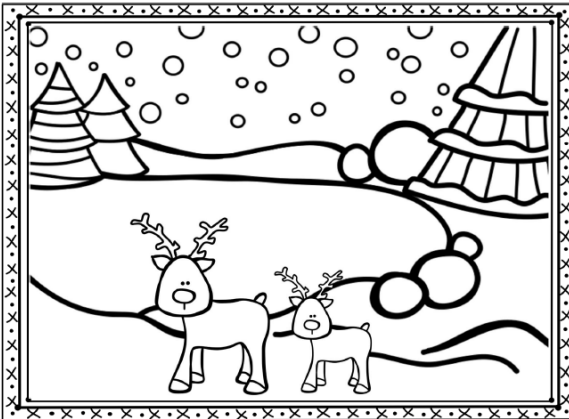
Nose

Antlers

This is a new word I learned:

This is picture of the word:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Look at the picture. What is happening? Write about it below.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Cut and paste. Write the sentence on the line.

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Time

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to