

# Reindeer

## What Do Reindeer Look Like?

Reindeer and caribou are similar animals but reindeer are smaller. Reindeer can be different colours. They can be kept as pets. Males and females grow antlers.



## What Do They Eat?

Reindeer eat leaves, grass, lichens and sometimes mushrooms and fish.

## Where Do They Live?

Many wild reindeer live in Norway, Finland, Alaska, Canada and Greenland. They like to hide in forests in the winter.

### Fun Facts

- They are very good swimmers.
- They have a great sense of smell.
- They have special noses to warm the cold air they breathe.
- Males are called bulls.
- Females are called cows.
- Babies are called calves.



## Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Song

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,

Had a very shiny nose.

And if you ever saw it,

You would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer,

Used to laugh and call him names.

They never let poor Rudolph,

Join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve,

Santa came to say:

"Rudolph with your nose so bright,

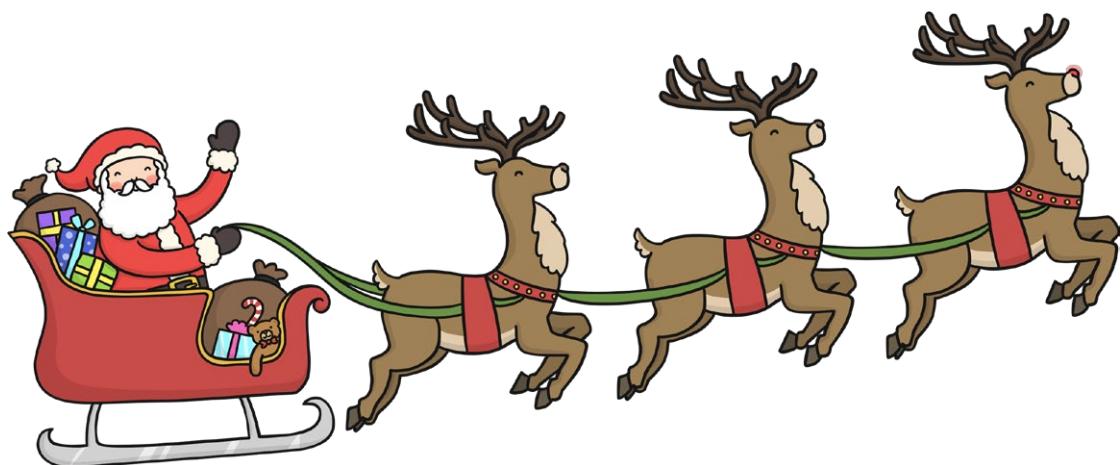
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then all the reindeer loved him,

As they shouted out with glee.

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,

You'll go down in history!



# Reindeer Questions

1. What are similar to a reindeer?

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2. What might a reindeer eat?

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3. Name somewhere in the world you might find wild reindeer.

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5. What is one thing that reindeer are good at?

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# Reindeer Answers

1. What are similar to a reindeer?

**Caribou are similar to reindeer.**

2. What might a reindeer eat?

**Reindeer eat lichens, leaves, grass, mushrooms and fish. (Accept any one)**

3. Name somewhere in the world you might find wild reindeer.

**You might find wild reindeer in Norway, Finland, Alaska, Canada and Greenland.  
(Accept any one)**

4. What did Rudolph have in the song?

**Rudolph had a very shiny nose.**

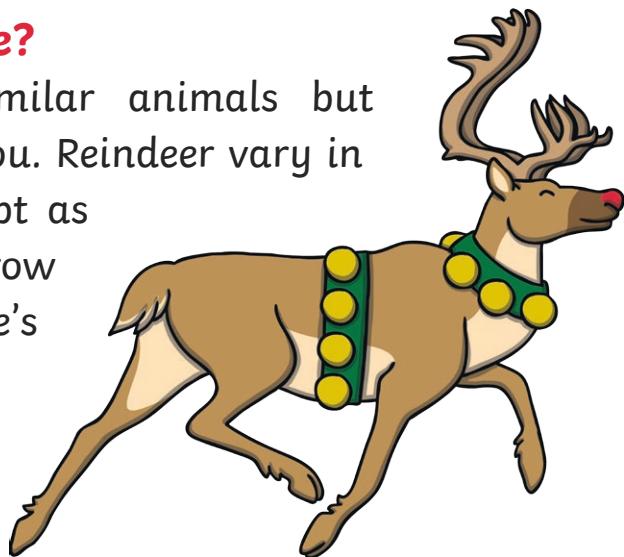
5. What is one thing that reindeer are good at?

**Reindeer are good at swimming, smelling and warming up cold air. (Accept any one)**

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Reindeer and caribou are similar animals but reindeer are smaller than caribou. Reindeer vary in colour and size and can be kept as pets. Both males and females grow antlers every year, but the male's are usually bigger.



## What Do They Eat?

Reindeer eat some types of lichens (a slow-growing plant), leaves and grass. Some also eat mushrooms and fish.

## Where Do They Live?

Many wild reindeer can be found in Norway, Finland, Alaska, Canada and Greenland. They like to shelter in forests during winter.

### Fun Facts

- Their footpads shrink and tighten in the winter.
- They are very good swimmers.
- They have a great sense of smell and their noses warm the cold air as they breathe.
- Male reindeer are called bulls, females are called cows and babies are called calves.

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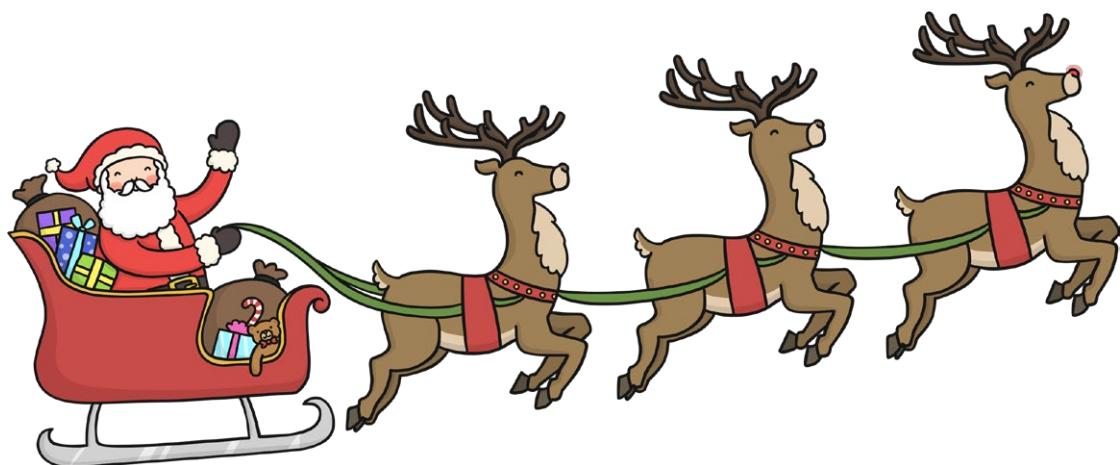
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**You might find wild reindeer in Norway, Finland, Alaska, Canada and Greenland.  
(Accept any three)**

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**Reindeer have special noses to warm the cold air they breathe.**

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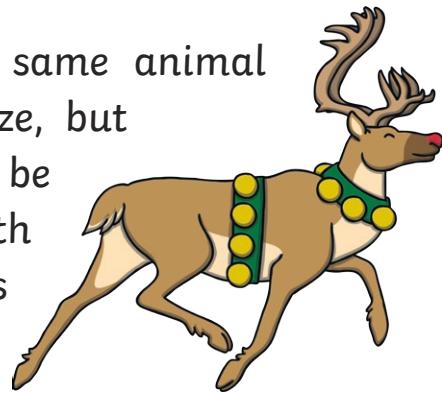
6. What is your favourite reindeer fact?

**Answers will vary.**

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Reindeer and caribou are part of the same animal species. Reindeer vary in colour and size, but are smaller than caribou. Reindeer can be kept as pets or as working animals. Both male and female reindeer grow antlers every year, but the male's antlers are usually bigger. The males shed theirs every winter.



## What Do They Eat?

Reindeer eat some types of lichens (a slow-growing plant), leaves and grass. Some also eat mushrooms and fish.

## Where Do They Live?

Many wild reindeer can be found in Norway, Finland, Alaska, Canada and Greenland. They are built for cold weather, but like to shelter in forests during winter.

### Fun Facts

- They are built for living in the cold and snow.
- Their footpads shrink and tighten in the winter to help stop them from slipping.
- They are very good swimmers and have a great sense of smell to help them find food in snow.
- Male reindeer are called bulls, females are called cows and babies are called calves.
- Reindeer have special noses to warm the cold air they breathe.

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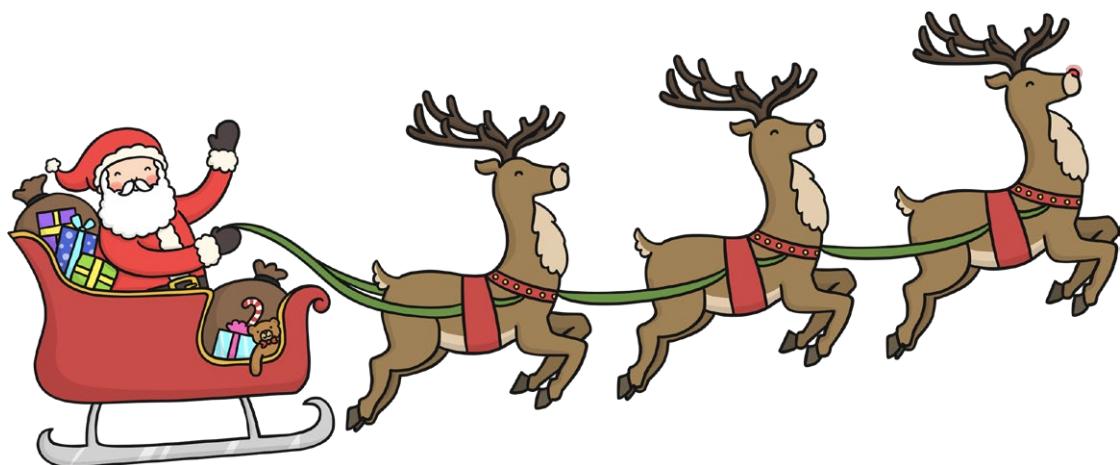
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2. Name three things reindeer eat.

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3. Name five places in the world you might find wild reindeer.

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4. Which real fact about reindeer noses do you think Rudolph's bright nose is linked to?

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5. How and why do their footpads change in the winter?

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6. Write the last three lines of the song about Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer

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7. Explain your favourite reindeer fact and why.

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# Reindeer Answers

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2. Name three things reindeer eat.

**Reindeer eat lichens, leaves, grass, mushrooms and fish. (Accept any three)**

3. Name five places in the world you might find wild reindeer.

**You might find wild reindeer in Norway, Finland, Alaska, Canada and Greenland.**

4. Which real fact about reindeer noses do you think Rudolph's bright nose is linked to?

**Rudolph's bright nose is linked to the real fact about reindeer having special noses to warm up the cold air they breathe.**

5. How and why do their footpads change in the winter?

**Their footpads shrink and tighten in the winter to help stop them from slipping.**

6. Write the last three lines of the song about Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer

**As they shouted out with glee.**

**Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,**

**You'll go down in history!**

7. Explain your favourite reindeer fact and why.

**Answers will vary.**