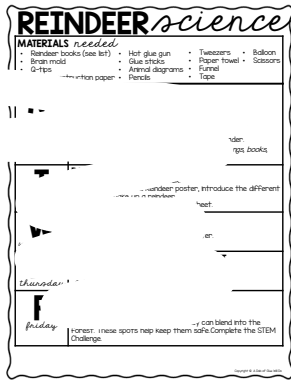


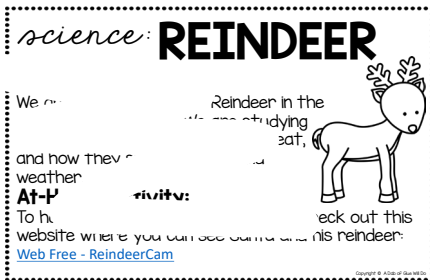
*with* **REINDEER**

Your students are going to love learning all about reindeer through hands-on exploration with real world connections, and you are going to love all that is packed in this Reindeer Unit! This overview is set up to show you everything that is included and how it can be used best. Pick and choose what works for you and your students.



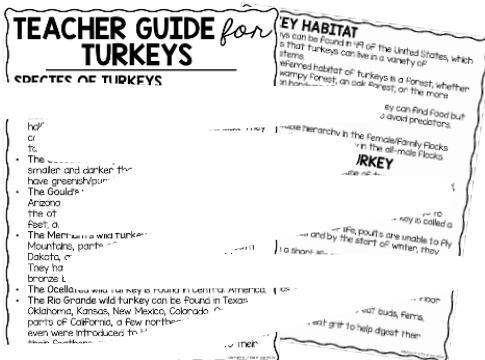
# LESSON PLANS

These comprehensive lesson plans are ready for you to integrate reindeer into every aspect of your classroom. Our plans are also perfect for supplementing an existing curriculum or pulling just-right engaging activities when you are short on time.



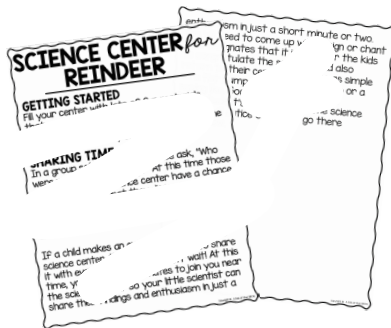
# AT-HOME LETTER

Send home these notes and let families know what their children are learning about in science. This letter also includes ideas for families to extend the learning at home.



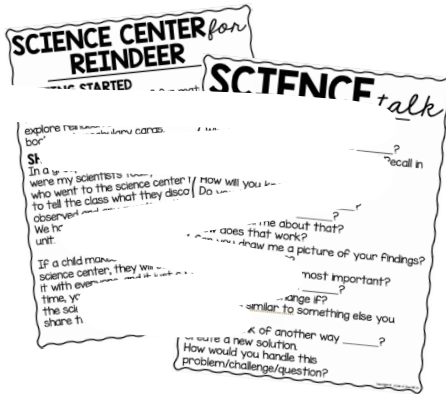
# TEACHER GUIDE

Everything you need to know about reindeer is ready for you in this guide. When students want to dig deeper, you will be prepared with fun facts to keep their interest and deepen their knowledge.



# SCIENCE CENTER

Use this guide for tips on how to set up your science center and keep students motivated to enter the science center each day to make new discoveries.



## QUESTIONS

Encourage your students' natural curiosities with questions regarding reindeer. You may also print off the provided list of open-ended questions that can be used with any science lesson to encourage "science talk" with your class.



## BOOK LISTS

To make planning easy, we have curated a list of our favorite reindeer books that will engage your students while they learn new information.



## VIDEO LISTS

To make planning easy, we have curated a list of our favorite reindeer videos. Each picture is linked to the corresponding video.



## SONG LISTS

Our song list is linked and ready to use with your students. You can show them the video with the song, or simply play the song in the background during center time, dismissal, clean-up, or any other transition during the day.

# LESSON CONTENT *for* REINDEER

## REINDEER FACTS POWERPOINT

This includes a PowerPoint to project on a smartboard and printable posters to use as a big book or display in your science center.

## REINDEER EMERGENT READER

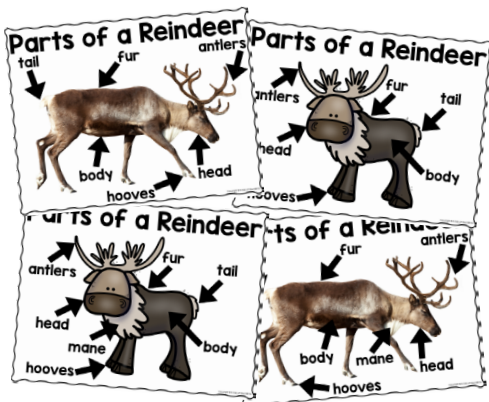
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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

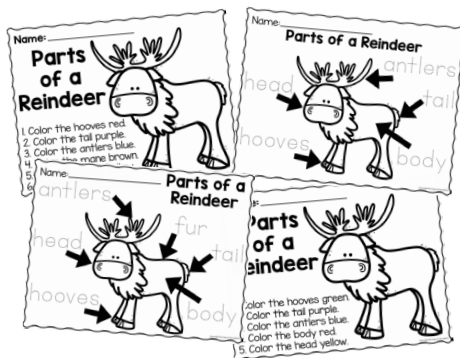
Use these questions to engage your students, pique their interest, and get them talking about reindeer!

## PARTS OF A REINDEER POSTER

With both clipart and real-life options, use these posters to show your students the different parts of a reindeer.

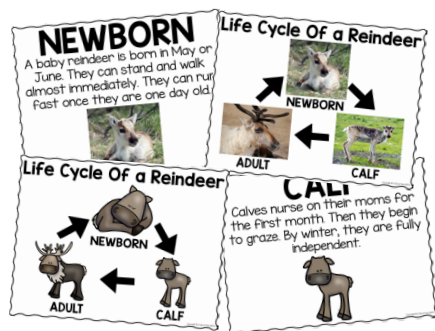






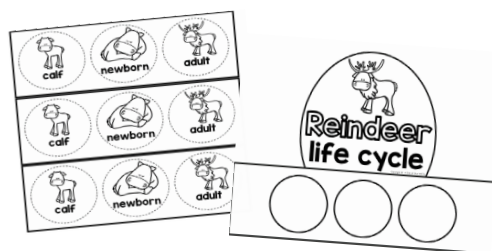
# PARTS OF A REINDEER WORKSHEET

After teaching your students about the parts of a reindeer, use these different worksheet options for them to show what they know.



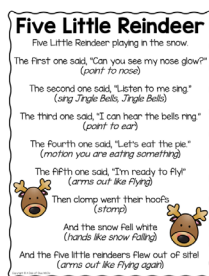
# LIFE CYCLE POSTERS

Use these posters to teach your students about the reindeer life cycle. Use either or both versions, one with clipart and one with real-life photos.



# LIFE CYCLE HAT

Students can show what they know about the order of the reindeer life cycle with this fun hat.



# REINDEER FINGERPLAY

Use this Fingerplay to transition throughout the unit. Put a copy in the library center for students to practice.



# REINDEER CRAFT

Use this adorable craft idea to have students make their own reindeer faces. Perfect for a holiday decoration or December bulletin board!

### REINDEER STEM

Reindeer are born with spots so they can blend into the forest. These spots help keep them safe.

#### YOU WILL NEED:

- A roll of masking tape
- Assorted small empty boxes or cardboard
- Construction Paper
- Pipe Cleaners
- Ribbon
- Pom Poms
- A small plastic reindeer (Check tree around Christmas time but picture of a reindeer will work, too. Fine.)

#### CHALLENGE:

Challenge your class to use so materials to hide the reindeer

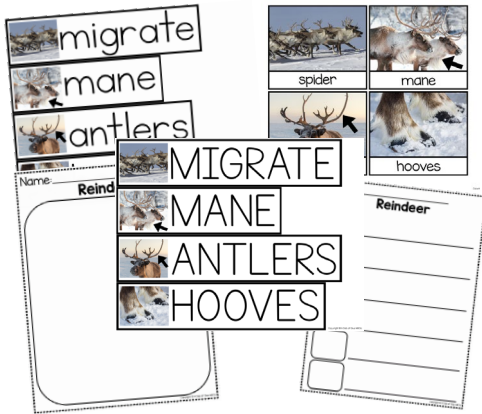
### REINDEER STEM QUESTIONS

- How did you camouflage the reindeer?
- How will the camouflage help the reindeer?
- What materials did you use to camouflage the reindeer?
- How can you find out if it will work?
- Should you make any changes to your design?
- Have you ever seen a deer in the woods? Was it hard to spot?

## STEM CENTERS

Use these STEM activity ideas throughout your animal study. Complete the activity as a whole group or place the materials in a center and let your students explore.

# BONUS MATERIALS for REINDEER



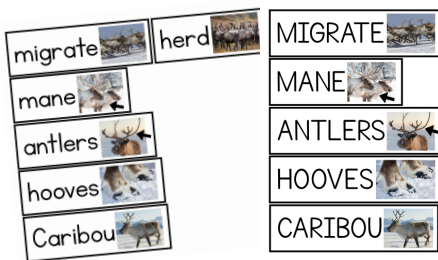
## WRITING CENTER

Set up your writing center with word cards and writing papers that meet the needs of your students. Need all uppercase letters or just lowercase? No writing lines or list writing paper? There is something for every learner.



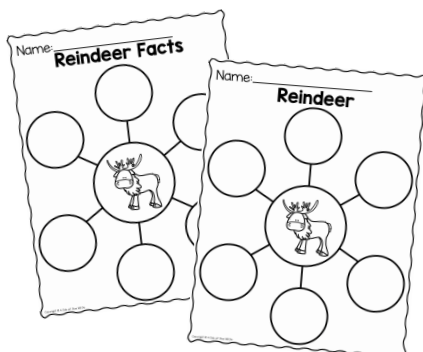
## DEFINITION POSTERS

These posters use real life pictures and simple definitions that are easy for students to understand. Hang them up in your science center, add new ones to your whole group area each day, or project on your smart board.



## WORD WALL

Add the new vocabulary you are introducing to your students throughout the week to the word wall. Students can refer to these words throughout the year.



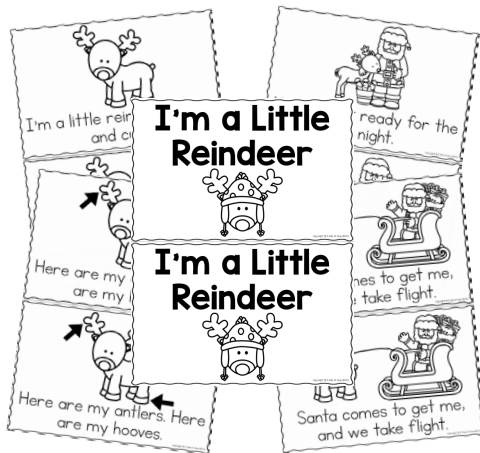
## CIRCLE MAPS

Use these circle maps when introducing reindeer to see what your students know, or after you teach the unit for them to demonstrate their new knowledge. These can be used individually, as a graphic organizer, or as a whole group activity.



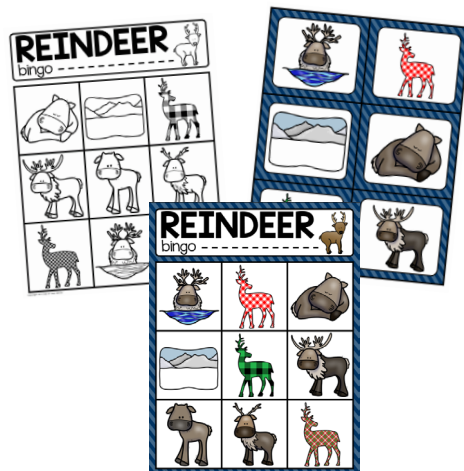
# REINDEER FACTS OR ANIMAL RESEARCH CRAFT

Use the craft template and research sheet options to have your students show what they have learned about reindeer during the unit with this craft/research project combination.



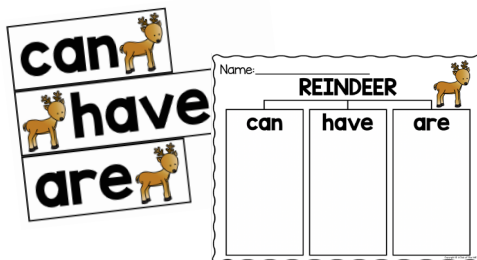
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# REINDEER BINGO

Add this Reindeer Bingo to your lesson plans as a fun way to practice listening skills. Prep for Fun Friday or have a volunteer play with students at a center. Bingo boards and calling cards are included in color or black & white.



# CAN HAVE ARE ACTIVITY

After learning about turkeys, complete this Can-Have-Are chart as a whole group and/or independently.