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Why do reindeer have antlers?

Look, a reindeer! Why do reindeer have antlers?



Why?

1. **Antlers are bone.**
   Antlers are made of bone, like the bones inside you. But they grow on the outside of the head!
2. **New antlers every year.**
   Every spring, new antlers start to grow, covered in soft, fuzzy skin called velvet. A goat keeps its horns for its whole life. But a reindeer drops its antlers, and grows new ones every year!
3. **Moms keep theirs all winter.**
   In winter, food is hidden under the snow. Reindeer dig holes with their hooves to reach it. A mom with antlers can keep the best spot to eat.

Color Nora too!



Try it! Spot the mom

You need: a grown-up and pictures of reindeer

1. With a grown-up, look at pictures of reindeer in winter.
2. Who has antlers?
3. Who might be a mom?

What happened? If you see a reindeer with antlers in the middle of winter, it might be a mom!

Video + more questions:
whywhywhykids.com/reindeer

scan with a grown-up