

The Deer Family



Section 1: Puzzle

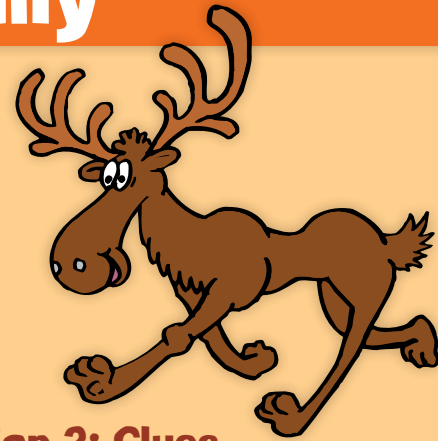
Unscramble the mixed-up letters, one letter to each square, to spell words about deer.

- #1 EOD
○ □ □
- #2 KEL
○ □ □
- #3 WFNA
□ □ □ ○
- #4 OOSEM
□ □ □ □ ○
- #5 PAITW
□ □ □ □ □ ○
- #6 FSTORSE
□ □ ○ □ □ □ □
- #7 IBCOUAR
□ □ ○ □ □ □ □
- #8 LSRTANE
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Unscramble the circled letters to solve the mystery word.

Mystery Word

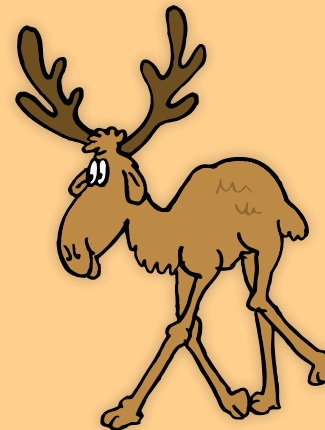
○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○



Section 2: Clues

Match the answers in the puzzle to these clues. The Mystery Word will also have a clue. Write MW for Mystery Word.

- # ____ Places where many deer live
- # ____ Female deer
- # ____ A baby deer
- # ____ North American deer; largest in the world
- # ____ Migrating deer that form the world's largest herds
- # ____ Bucks grow a new set of these each year
- # ____ Species of deer that rhymes with the word milk
- # ____ Another name for caribou
- # ____ Another name for elk



The Deer Family Puzzle answers
1. doe, 2. elk, 3. fawn,
4. moose, 5. wapiti, 6. forests,
7. caribou, 8. antlers
Mystery Word: Reindeer



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Martin J., age 7

Deer, deer, fluffy and white.
Deer are racing in the night.
Deer are racing fast and slow,
Come on, deer, let's go go go!
Mary S., age 8



Porter M., age 8

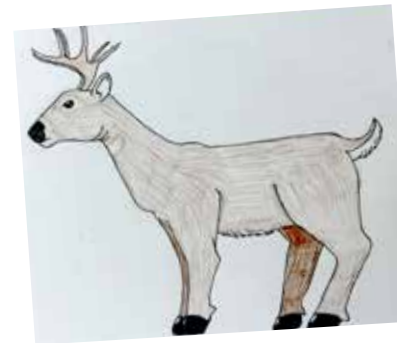
The doe trots gleefully through the meadow.

She likes to watch her fawns go.

She likes to lie down.

She plays Hide and Seek until all her fawns are found.

Ainsley M., age 12



Kieran R., age 11



Ella F., age 6



Elle L., age 9



Maddelyn K., age 10



Micah D., age 5



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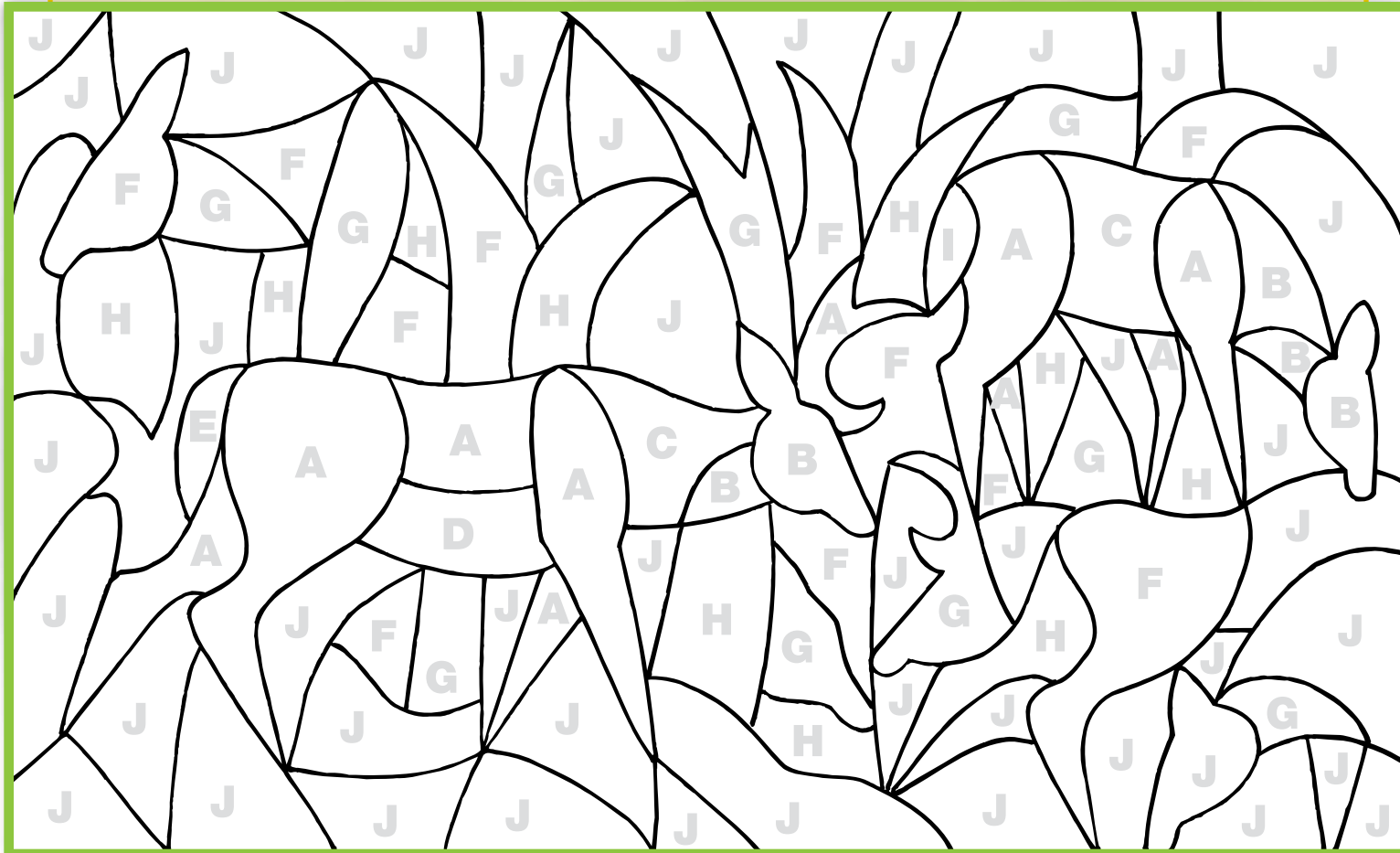
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Deer Detective



To discover something hiding in the picture above, use the information in *Ranger Rick Zoobooks "Deer, Moose & Elk"* and follow these directions:

1. If it is true that **all** members of the deer family are plant eaters, color **A** brown. If it is true some deer eat only meat, color **A** blue.
2. Color the letters in front of each true statement tan.
 - B** It takes a male deer four or five months to grow antlers.
 - C** The biggest deer in the world is the North American moose.
 - D** A deer has only two chambers in its stomach.
 - E** A buck grows a new pair of antlers each year.
3. Read the list of names below. Color the spaces light green that refer to members of the deer family.
 - F** caribou (reindeer)
 - G** elk
 - H** wapiti
 - I** bighorn
4. Color the **J** spaces dark green if some deer species need our protection. Color the **J** spaces red if **all** deer populations are increasing rapidly.

Sawhorse Reindeer

Well, here's a fun project for any time of the year. You can find most items you'll need around the house or at your local home supply store. Be safe—always ask an adult to supervise your work when working with tools. So let's get started with this cute reindeer you can use on your porch or yard, as a table centerpiece, or as a holiday decoration.

You will need:

- ▶ 2 sawhorse brackets
- ▶ one 2" x 3" x 6' board
- ▶ wood glue
- ▶ wood clamps
- ▶ 1 wooden round drawer pull
- ▶ paint, brown or tan
- ▶ 4" paint brush
- ▶ 2 large washers
- ▶ 2 tree branches
- ▶ 12" of rope
- ▶ a smock or paint shirt to protect your clothes

Follow these steps:

1. Ask an adult or the supply store lumber clerk to make the wood cuts for this project (five 1' sections and two 6" sections).
2. Put on your smock.
3. Glue 2 one-foot pieces of wood to one of the sawhorse brackets to make the back legs. Repeat this with two more one-foot pieces to make the front legs. Secure each bracket and set of legs with the clamp. Let the glue dry.
4. Remove the clamps and set the "sawhorse" upright. Glue a one-foot section of wood into both brackets to form the body. Secure with wood clamps and let the glue dry.
5. Remove the clamps. Now, glue a 6" section of wood to the end of the "body" to form the face. Again, clamp and let the glue dry.
6. Paint your reindeer. Let it dry.
7. Glue the large silver washers to the "face" for eyes. Glue the drawer pull to the "face" for a nose. Glue two branches to the reindeer "face" near the ears for antlers. Secure all with clamps and let the glue dry.
8. Glue the one-foot section of rope to the back end of your reindeer. Fray the end of the "tail" with your fingers.

