

# LET'S READ ABOUT

# REINDEER



## Informational Text, Fictional Story & Poem

# PRINTABLE AND DIGITAL

**All About Reindeer**  
INFORMATIONAL TEXT



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Winter Time  Summer Time 

**HABITAT**  
Reindeer are also known as Caribou. They live in cold, northern areas.

**All About Reindeer**  
TEXT FEATURES

1. Use a red crayon to underline the headings in the text.
2. Use a green crayon to circle the sub-headings in the text.
3. Use a blue crayon to circle words that are in bold print.
4. Why are there...

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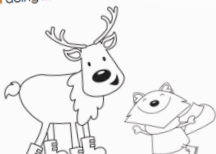
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COMPREHENSION: PIVOTAL PASSAGE

Directions: The passage below is a pivotal passage. Read this small part from the story and answer the questions below.

**PIVOTAL PASSAGE**

"Well, I may be little but I can do this." Fanny skated away from Roxie, turned back around, did a double twirl in the air and landed gracefully right in front of Roxie, smiling. Roxie's jaw dropped to the floor. "Wow, Fanny that was amazing. How did you learn to do that?"

"With a lot of practice," answered Fanny.

1. Who is this passage about?
2. Why does this happen? What...

READING  
PASSAGES



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# INFORMATIONAL

## 3 Info pages, Lesson Plans & Comprehension Pages

### All About Reindeer INFORMATIONAL TEXT

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Winter Time



Summer Time



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#### DIET

Reindeer are **herbivores**, which means they are plant eaters. They spend a lot of their time eating. Throughout the year, reindeer will graze on green grass, leaves, herbs, and shrubs. In the winter, they mostly eat lichen and moss. These plants help them survive the icy winters since they still grow even in freezing temperatures.



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#### NOSES

Reindeer rely on their strong sense of smell to find lichen that is buried under the snow. First, they sniff out the plant and then dig with their hooves.

Their noses also warm the air they will breathe in before it enters their lungs. This keeps their lungs safe from the freezing air.

### Before Reading MINI-LESSON

#### PREVIEW THE TEXT WITH TEXT FEATURES

Objective: The students will preview the text before reading to gain a "big understanding of what they will be reading, to activate prior knowledge about and to make some predictions.

#### Materials:

- 1 copy per student of the Informational Text

Explain to the class that previewing a text before reading will help them to understand what they will be reading. Previewing is done quickly. They don't read the text, they just preview it.

### knew & New Facts



#### knew

Write down 3 facts that you already knew about reindeer.

1

#### new

Write down 3 facts that are new learning about reindeer.

1

### All About Reindeer MAIN IDEA AND DETAILS

Directions: Reread the section labeled Hooves. The main idea has been provided. Highlight three details from the text that support the main idea.

#### MAIN IDEA

Reindeer's hooves help them survive living in the Arctic.

Directions: Use the highlighted evidence to write your response.

How do reindeer's hooves help them survive living in the Arctic?

most interesting to you?

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ALL OF THE PASSAGES AND COMPREHENSION PAGES ARE DIGITAL!

# FICTIONAL STORY

## One story, Lesson Plans & Comprehension Pages



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She looked around, falling. Roxie must have hit her tail. "Forget it! I'm not trying her skates."

As she was walking away, why aren't you skating? "I tried to skate."

Fanny Fox looked at her. "You don't succeed, try again."

"You can't help me!"

"Well, I may be a little bit better back around, did you see Roxie, smiling."

Roxie's jaw dropped. "That's amazing. How did you do it?"

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Roxie is learning to skate.

Text from the story:

Even though Roxie was tired and covered in ice chips, she kept on getting up and trying again.



What does this tell you about Roxie?

Roxie is able to skate

Text from the story:

"I'm doing it! I am not falling! This is fun!"



How would you change the story?

### Genre: FANTASY



A fantasy story is a made-up story.

Fantasy has characters and events that could not be real.



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GENRE: FANTASY

Directions: Answer the questions about the text.

1. Look at the picture from the story. What parts are fantasy?



2. Reread the third paragraph. There are frozen lakes in the reindeer's habitat, and reindeer do walk on frozen lakes. What part was fantasy?

3. Tell three other parts of the story that were fantasy.

4. A reindeer cannot really learn to skate. If you could change the story, what other human behavior would you want a reindeer to try?

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# POETRY

## One poem, Lesson Plans & Comprehension Pages



### Mighty Reindeer

We are mighty reindeer.  
We are not afraid.  
We roam the Arctic with our herd  
in a big parade.

We can swim and we can run  
for miles, we can go.  
We migrate every season,  
even in the snow.

Lichen and some moss,  
is all we have to eat.  
A little snow, some leaves  
are all we need.



### Mighty Reindeer COMPREHENSION

#### TEXT-BASED QUESTIONS

- How do the reindeer roam the Arctic?
- True or False: Reindeer migrate every season.
- According to the poem, why do reindeer have antlers?
- How do a reindeer's hooves and coat help it?

#### TEXT-DEPENDENT QUESTION

Directions: Gather information from the text to help you answer this question.

- The reindeer that narrates the poem is proud to be a reindeer. What words are used to convey this feeling?

### Fictional Poem WHILE READING

#### VISUALIZING MINI-LESSON

Explain to the class that good poetry readers use strategies to understand the poem they are reading. One strategy to try is visualizing.

Define visualizing: Visualizing is when readers create images in their minds that reflect or represent the ideas in the text. Visualizing can include the 5 senses to help to enhance the understanding of the text. It is like imagining or creating a movie in your mind while you read.

Read the first stanza. Then think about the picture.



### Mighty Reindeer REINDEER INTERVIEW: INFERENCING

Directions: Answer the questions as if you are the reindeer being interviewed. You may use evidence from the text to help you answer.

Question: What makes reindeer so mighty?


Question: Why do you roam together in a herd?


### POETRY TOOLS



rhyme scheme

a deliberate pattern of lines that rhyme with other lines



stanza

a group of lines in a poem



rhythm

a repeated pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables



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She looked around the lake. The other reindeer were wobbly, but they were not

The resources includes directions on how to download your digital resource, save it and assign to students.

# READ ALL ABOUT REINDEER

WITH HIGH QUALITY & BEAUTIFUL IMAGES

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How is Roxie feeling?  
What is she thinking?

How did Roxie change from the beginning of the story to the end of the story?

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The print passage still have color images!

# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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Don't forget about our hooves  
that help us not to slide.  
And what about our whitish coats  
that help us blend and hide.

All that see us, know we're grand  
Because we show no fear.  
We are strong and we are tough.  
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# 3 TYPES OF TEXT

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