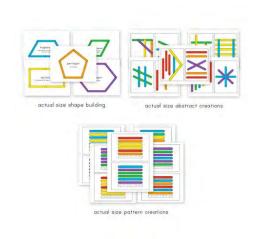


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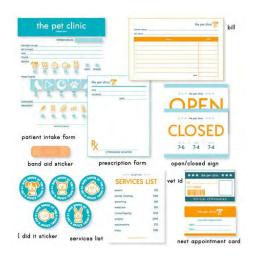
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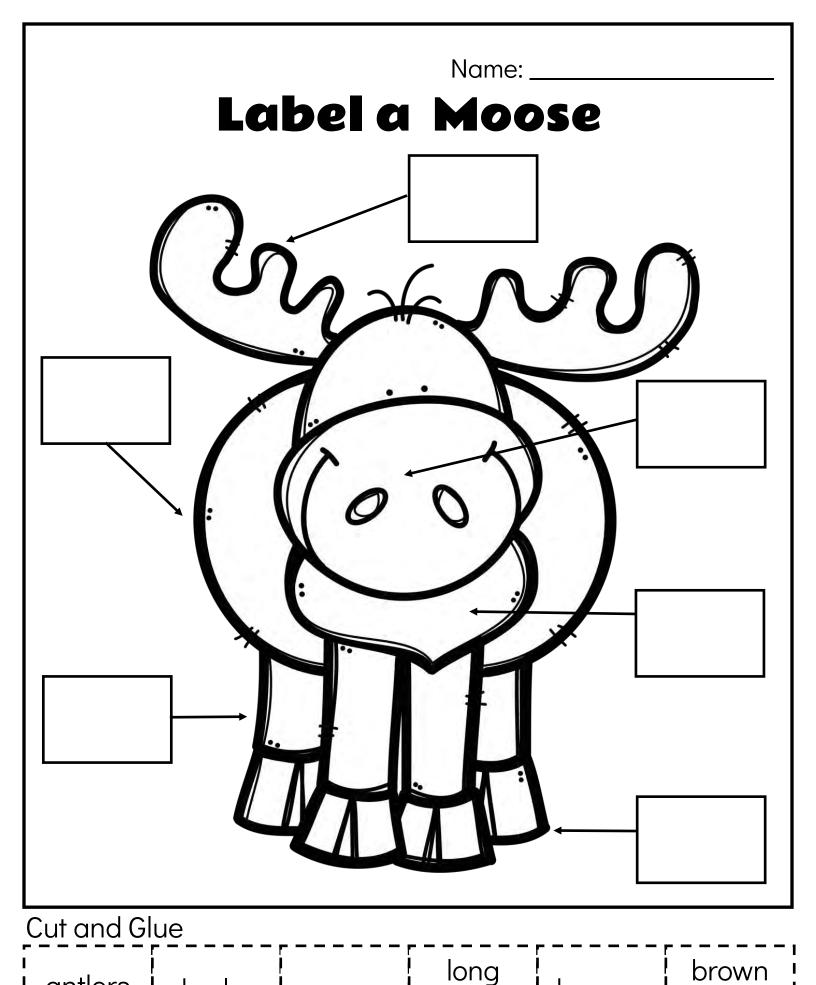
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What is a Forest?

When you think of a forest, you probably think of tall trees and wild animals. There are three main types of forests; boreal forests, temperate forests and tropical forests.

A boreal forest is found in the coldest climates, are dominated by spruce and fir trees and are home to animals such as the gray wolf, moose, grizzly bears and elk.

A temperate forest is found in cool climates, are dominated by maple trees, oak trees, moss and ferns and are home to animals such as the white-tailed deer, red foxes, snowy owls and black bears.

A tropical forest (also commonly called a rainforest) is found close to the equator. They are warm, wet woodlands that receive heavy rainfall each year. Tropical forests are home to more than two thirds of the world's plant species and animals such as monkeys, tigers, snakes and antelopes.

Do you live close to a forest? What kind? Discuss what kind of animal and plant life you may find close to your home.

What is a Forest?

Some of the animals that live in boreal and temperate forests hibernate during winter. Do you know what it means to hibernate?

When most people think about the animals that hibernate, they think about bears! But did you know that bears aren't true hibernators? Bears go into what is called torpor. Think of torpor as a really long nap where you can still be easily awoken.

An example of a true hibernator is a hedgehog. Their heart rate drops almost ninety percent. They sometimes wake up briefly if their body temperature drops too low but quickly go back into hibernation. They can hibernate anywhere from a few weeks to six months.

Forests are very important to human and animal life. Trees create oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide and make our air safer to breathe. Unfortunately our forests are endangered. Forests are being destroyed at an alarming rate by deforestation. So what exactly is deforestation? It can be a number of things such as tearing down trees for lumber to make furniture and paper or clearing land to build roads and houses.

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