

THE L.C. BATES MUSEUM

Horns & Antlers Scavenger Hunt

Some animals have horns, and some have antlers; do you know the difference? This hunt will teach you all about horns and antlers, what they are used for, and who has them. Write your answers in the spaces provided. All answers can be found in the Mammal Room and South Gallery!

1. Antlers usually look like branches and have many pointy tips. Horns usually have only one single point on each horn. Find a moose; do you think it has antlers or horns? Circle one.

Antlers

Horns



2. Antlers are made of bone, and horns are made of something called *keratin* (sounds like “kar-a-tin”), which is what our hair and fingernails are made out of! What is the moose carrying on his head? Circle one.

Bone

Keratin

3. Two antelope stand over the mammal room—the addax and gemsbok. Do these animals have horns or antlers? Circle one.

Antlers

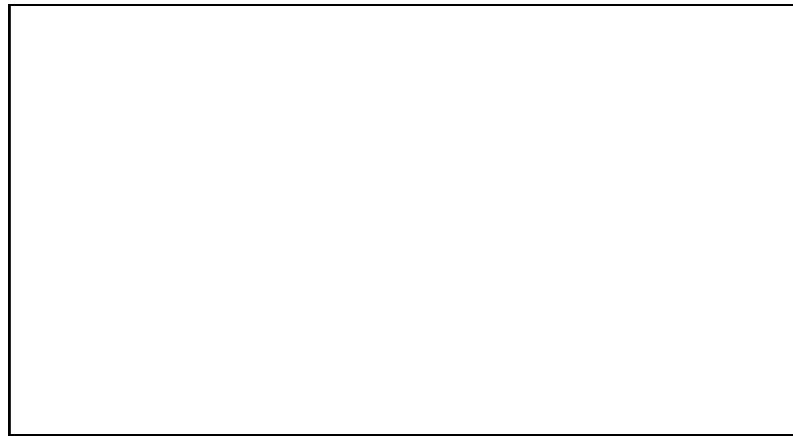
Horns

4. Based on your previous answer, are they made of bone or keratin? Circle one.

Bone

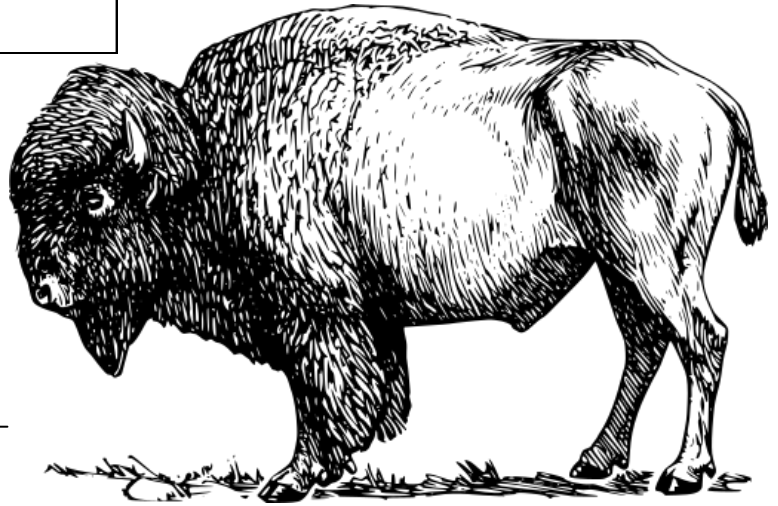
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4. Antlers fall off every year in the fall, unlike horns which never fall off. In fact, horns never stop growing! Find an antler that has fallen from its owner and draw it here.

5. Bison once roamed America in large numbers, but almost disappeared because of hunting. What's our bison's name? Does he have horns or antlers? (South Gallery)



6. Antlers and horns are usually used for attracting a mate, but they are also used for protection and dueling. Find and draw which antlers or horns you would like to use to protect yourself with!

