

TRUE OR FALSE

What do you know about the Finnish reindeer?

Read the sentences and put a tick under **TRUE** if you think they are true or under **FALSE** if you think are false.



	Before reading		After reading	
	True	False	True	False
The reindeer is a mammal				
It is a carnivore (eats meat)				
It can swim				
Only males have antlers				
It is a social animal				
It can fly				
It can have 1 calf (baby) per year				
It can live 20 years				
It is a quiet animal				
People use reindeer for meat				

Now read and check your hypothesis

The Finnish Reindeer “Rangifer tarandus”, in Finnish “Poro”

BODY

It has very large **hooves** to walk on soft ground, snow and to dig for food under the snow.

Reindeer males and females both can grow antlers. **They lose their antlers every year** and grow new ones.

It has a brown nose and good smell to find food under the snow in winter



HABITAT

Reindeer live in **arctic weather** in Lapland

Reindeer **walk from place to place** to find food.

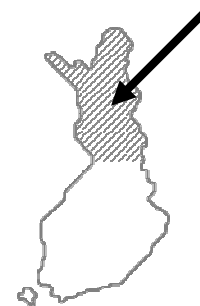
They travel up to 5,000 km in a year.

They **can swim** to cross rivers

They **eat grass, lichen**, small plants and tree bark.

Reindeer **can run** as fast as **80 km per hour**.

Lapland



REPRODUCTION

Reindeer is a **mammal**.

A female can usually have **1 calf per year**.

Reindeer can live about **15 years**.



They live together in herds = **they are very social**
 In Lapland there are more than 200.000 reindeer.



People use reindeer for meat, skin, antlers, milk and transportation.

People can buy reindeer meat in shops



COMMUNICATION

The reindeer **are normally very quiet.**

When a male wants to attract a female reindeer they **make a loud sound.**

Females use a sound to call their calves = each mother using a different sound.

COMPARING CHAMOIS AND REINDEER

Fill in the table. Then make a Venn diagram

	BODY	HABITAT	FOOD	REPRODUCTION	SOCIAL LIFE
CHAMOIS					
REINDEER					

CHAMOIS

REINDEER

