

Goats

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Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Science (Biological Sciences); Humanities (Geography)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the information report in their own words.
Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

- 1 What is a group of goats called?
- 2 Why do goats have hooves with two toes?
- 3 Why do goats sometimes climb trees?

Inferential

- 4 Do people need to be careful around goats? Why?
- 5 Why do baby goats need to drink milk soon after they are born?
- 6 Why might farmers want goats to clear farmland?
- 7 Why are goats able to find enough food to eat in the desert?
- 8 Why are goats important animals for people all around the world?

Applied Knowledge

- 9 What makes an animal good at climbing?
- 10 What kind of clothes would be made from very fine goats' wool?

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Goats

Goats are animals that can be found in the wild, or kept on farms.

They live in groups called herds.

Male goats are called billy goats, and female goats are called nanny goats.

Baby goats are called kids.



Most goats have two horns
that grow on top of their heads.

Some goats have horns that are short and straight.
Other goats have long, curved horns
that grow sideways.





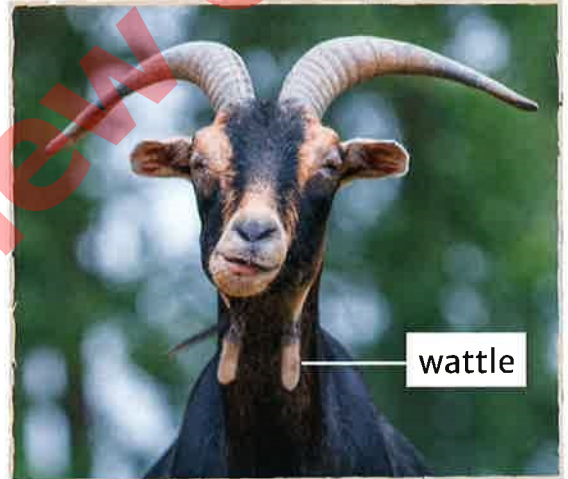
Goats have hair all over their bodies.
Some have long hair, and some have short hair.
It can be white, brown or black.

Underneath the hair,
goats have a soft layer of wool
to keep them warm.

Both male and female goats can have a **beard** that grows under their bottom jaw.

Some goats have long flaps of skin called **wattles** that hang from each side of their neck.

Goats have **hooves** with two toes to help them walk over rocky or uneven ground.



Kids

Nanny goats that are one year old can have babies, called kids.

Most nanny goats have two kids at a time, but sometimes they have one, three, or up to six kids.





Soon after it is born,
a kid can stand up and take a few steps.
It drinks milk from its mother
when it is about an hour old.

After a few weeks, kids learn to run,
skip, climb and jump.