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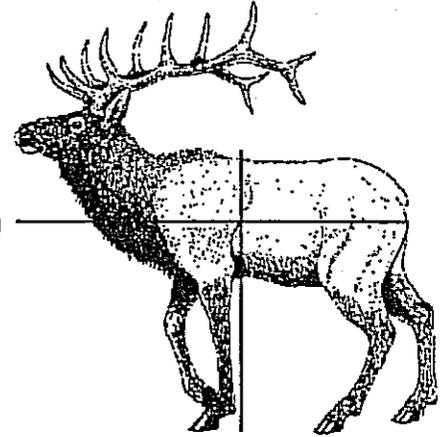
Elk Are Big

Elk are large mammals.

Deer, caribou and moose are relatives of elk.

Elk are plant-eaters. Animals that eat only plants are called **herbivores**.

Here are some favorite elk foods. Can you name them?



8 feet long

5 feet tall

Elk walk on two toes called **hooves**.

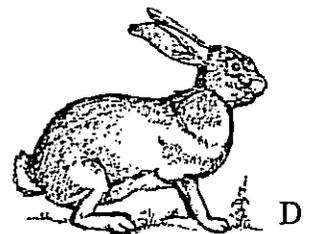
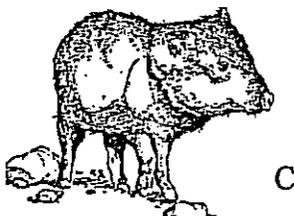
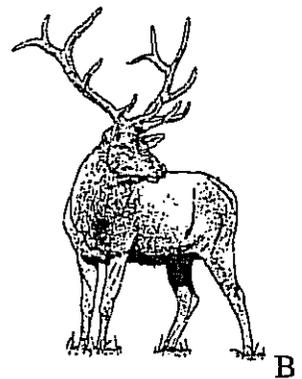
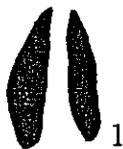
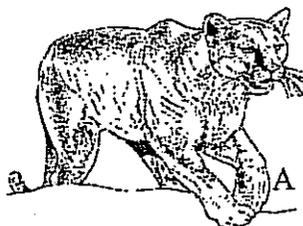
When they walk in soft soil they can make a footprint or **track**.

Circle the track below that can be made by an elk.

Draw a line from the elk track to the picture of an elk.

Match each track to the animal that made it.

Can you name these Arizona mammals?



Elk Antlers

In the spring male elk, called **bulls**, grow antlers.

All of the elk's relatives grow antlers.

Antlers are made of bone.

The skin that covers and protects growing antlers is called **velvet**.

They are shed every winter.

Most one year old bulls have small antlers called **spikes**.



As a bull gets older, he grows more **points** on his antlers.

A four year old bull has larger antlers and more points.

How many points are on this bull?

Draw a set of antlers on the elk below.

How many points does your bull have on his antlers?



How do you think elk use their antlers?