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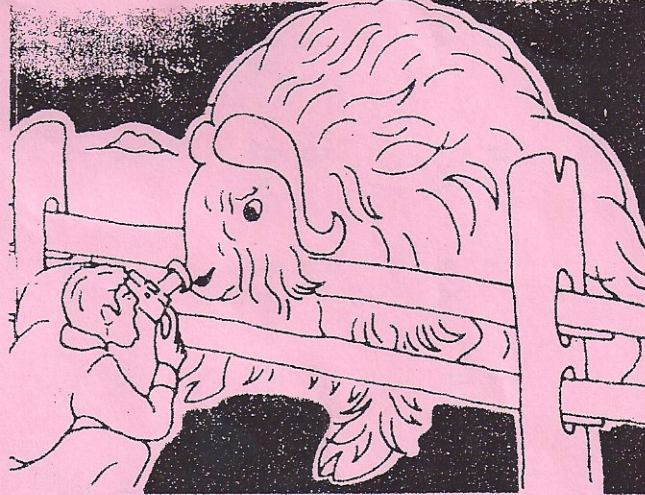
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hat are musk oxen?

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Musk oxen are sometimes called "The Bearded Ones." These animals have long, brown hair that hangs down to their white feet. Musk oxen do not belong to the ox family. They are about the same size as cows. But they belong to the goat family. They live in Alaska, Greenland, and Canada.



When danger is near, musk oxen form a circle. They stand shoulder to shoulder. Then they put their heads down and face the enemy. Their white horns curve down and up like handlebars. The animals look very fierce.

Over the years, people killed many musk oxen for food and wool. Laws were passed to save the wild animals. Then some people began to tame a few musk oxen. They wanted to use the long silky undercoat, called qiviut (KEE-vee-yoot). One pound of qiviut makes six miles of fine wool yarn. The wool can be dyed and made into warm clothes.

Tame musk oxen are friendly and even playful. They like to be petted. If someone comes to take their picture, they may walk over and put a wet nose on the camera. The hairy animals seem to like their new life on the farm.

Mark the circle (O) beside the right answer.

Qiviut comes from the musk oxen's _____.

- undercoat
- feet
- horns
- outer hair

Which word in paragraph 3 means given a different color?

- killed
- passed
- dyed
- made

The story does not tell about the _____ of musk oxen.

- babies
- size
- wool
- color

Which paragraph tells where musk oxen live?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

LARGE is to SIZE as brown is to _____. Think how the first two words go together. Then mark the word that goes with brown in the same way.

- feet
- color
- hair
- white

Musk oxen belong to the goat family.

- True
- False

Musk oxen always run away when danger is near.

- True
- False

Musk oxen cannot be tamed.

- True
- False

Qiviut can have the following meanings. Mark the meaning used in paragraph 3.

- thick thread
- story