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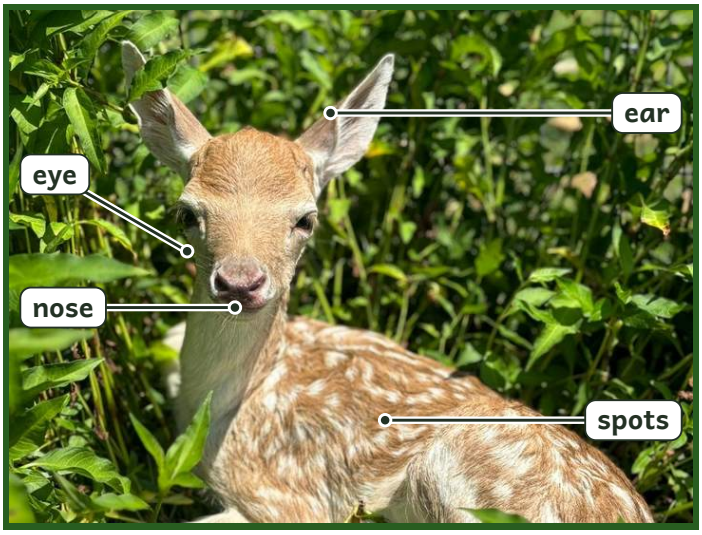
FALLOW DEER

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GRADES K–2

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Teachers: read this page aloud, one part at a time (about 5 minutes). Children follow along and say the bold words.



A fallow deer fawn at our zoo.

Its body

A male deer is *a* **buck**.
A grown buck has wide **antlers**.
Antlers look like *a* hand.
They fall off *and* grow back each year.

Its home (habitat)

It lives in woods *and* grassy places.
Fallow deer live *at* our zoo.



■ Lives in parts of this area ★ Plumpton Park Zoo, Rising Sun, MD

Its food

It eats grass.
It eats leaves too.

Its babies (life cycle)

A baby deer is *a* **fawn**.
A mother usually has 1 fawn.
She gives it milk.
A fawn needs *a* place to hide *at* first.

Fun facts

Coats can be brown or white.
Some *are* spotted or black!

Words to know

antlers: what *a* buck grows *and* sheds each year
buck: *a* male deer
fawn: *a* baby deer

Talk about it

1. What do *a* buck's antlers look like?
2. How does *a* mother care for *a* fawn?
3. What colors can *a* fallow deer be?

Learn more: plumptonparkzoo.org/mammals/fallow-deer/ · **Sources:** British Deer Society; Animal Diversity Web; Texas Tech University; IUCN Red List (2008)
Supports Maryland and Delaware (NGSS) and Pennsylvania (STEELS) standards: K-LS1-1 (3.1.K.A) · 1-LS1-2 (3.1.1.B)
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Before and after your visit

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Name _____ **Date** _____

Before you visit · 5 minutes

What do you think? Circle **YES** or **NO**.

1. A baby deer is a fawn. **YES** **NO**
2. All fallow deer look the same. **YES** **NO**
3. A buck has antlers. **YES** **NO**
4. A fallow deer eats meat. **YES** **NO**

At the zoo · with a partner

Check each one you see.

- ☐ spots
- ☐ ears
- ☐ antlers
- ☐ nose
- ☐ eyes
- ☐ tail

What is it doing? Circle one.

eating · walking · watching · resting

After your visit · 10 minutes

Draw a buck with wide antlers. Add a fawn.

Draw here

A deer has _____

I learned that _____

ADJUST IT Kindergarten: read everything aloud; children talk and draw, and an adult writes their words. **Grade 2:** children read page 1 on their own. **Grades 3–5:** use the regular fallow deer sheet on Teacher Resources. **Second source:** read about this animal in your class database or a library book too, then ask what both said and what was new. **No zoo trip?** Check off what you can find in the photo on page 1. **Answers:** 1 yes, 2 no, 3 yes, 4 no.

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