MEET THEM AT PLUMPTON PARK ZOO

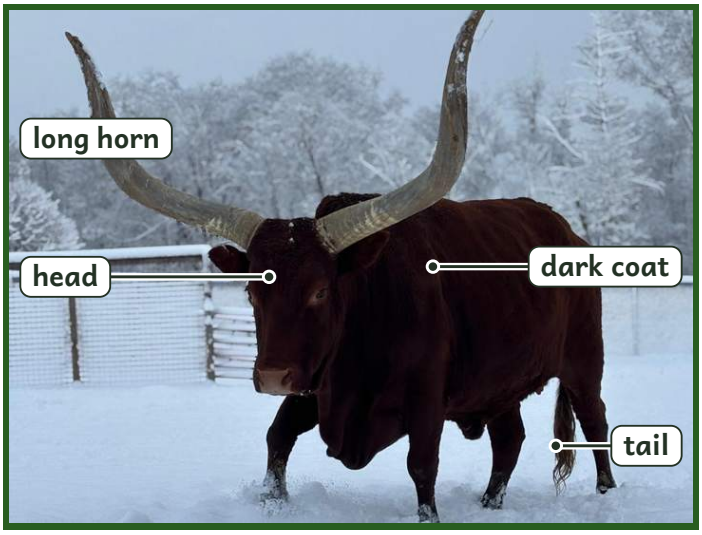
# WATUSI

*Bos taurus*

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 Watusi in the snow at our zoo.

## Its body

A Watusi has huge horns.
The horns help it lose heat.
They can keep it safe too.

## Its home (habitat)

This breed came from Africa.
It lives in a **herd**.
Annie, Beau, Norma and Oliver live at our zoo.



■ Breed developed here ★ Plumpton Park Zoo, Rising Sun, MD

## Its food

It eats plants.
It brings food back up to chew.

## Its babies (life cycle)

A baby is a **calf**.
It drinks its mother's milk.
Calves rest together by day.
An adult cow watches them.
At night they sleep inside the herd.

## Fun facts

Its full name is Ankole-Watusi.

## Words to know

**calf:** a baby Watusi
**herd:** a group of animals that live together

## Talk about it

1. How do huge horns help a Watusi?
2. Who watches the calves by day?
3. Where do calves sleep at night?

**Learn more:** plumptonparkzoo.org/mammals/watusi/ · **Sources:** Oklahoma State University; Roger Williams Park Zoo; Toronto Zoo; Animal Diversity Web
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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. Horns help it lose heat. **YES** **NO**
2. A Watusi eats meat. **YES** **NO**
3. A baby is a calf. **YES** **NO**
4. Calves sleep far from the herd. **YES** **NO**

## At the zoo · with a partner

Check each one you see.

- ☐ long horns
- ☐ dark coat
- ☐ tail
- ☐ calf
- ☐ ears
- ☐ hooves

What is it doing? Circle one.

eating · walking · watching · resting

## After your visit · 10 minutes

Draw a Watusi with huge horns. Add a calf.

*Draw here*

A Watusi 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 watusi 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.

**Learn more:** plumptonparkzoo.org/mammals/watusi/ · Page 1 of this sheet has the words and picture this page refers to.
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