



# ALL ABOUT GOATS

Bleat, climb, and explore these curious farm adventurers!

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## MEET THE GOATS!

Clip-clop! A curious animal hops onto a rock—it's a goat! **Goats** are farm animals that are playful, clever, and full of energy. Goats can climb very well, and they often live in groups called **herds**. Some goats live on farms, while others live in mountains or grassy hills.





## WHAT GOATS ARE LIKE

Goats are **mammals**, which means they have hair or fur and drink milk as babies. Many goats have horns, but some do not. Goats have strong legs and hard **hooves** that help them walk on rocky ground.

## WHERE GOATS LIVE

Goats live on farms and in open areas with space to move. They enjoy hills, rocks, and fences they can climb on. Goats stay in a **pen** or shed at night or during bad weather. Farmers make sure goats have shelter, fresh water, and safe places to explore.



## FROM KID TO ADULT

A goat's life begins as a **kid**. Kids are born ready to stand and walk very soon. They drink milk from their mothers to grow strong. As they grow, kids start eating plants. Over time, a kid grows into an adult goat. Female goats are called **does**, and male goats are called **bucks**.



## WHAT GOATS EAT

Goats are **herbivores**, which means they eat plants. They eat grass, leaves, weeds, and some fruits and vegetables. Goats like to nibble and chew many different kinds of plants. They also need clean water every day.



## INSIDE A GOAT FAMILY

Goats often live together in small groups. Mothers stay close to their kids, keeping them safe. Kids love to play, jump, and chase one another. Living together helps goats feel calm and protected.





## WHY GOATS LIKE TO CLIMB

Goats love to climb because they have strong legs and good balance. Climbing helps goats look around and reach tasty plants. On farms, people give goats safe platforms and rocks to climb so they can stay active and happy.



## KEEPING SAFE

Goats stay safe by living in **herds** and staying alert. Their eyes help them see a wide area around them. Goats can also run or climb away from **danger**. On farms, fences and shelters help protect goats from **predators** and bad weather.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Goats have rectangular pupils, which help them see a wide area around them and notice danger more easily while they eat. This wide vision helps goats stay alert for **predators** even when their heads are down **grazing**.

# QUESTION TIME!

1. (True or False) Goats are mammals.
2. (True or False) Goats eat meat.
3. (True or False) Baby goats are called kids.
4. (Fact or Opinion) Goats like to climb.
5. (Fact or Opinion) Goats are the funniest farm animals.
6. Where do goats live?
7. What do goats eat?
8. Why do goats live together?
9. Why do goats like to climb?
10. How do farmers help keep goats safe?



# ANSWERS

1. True. Goats are mammals.
2. False. Goats eat plants.
3. True. Baby goats are called kids.
4. Fact. Goats really do like to climb.
5. Opinion. "Funniest farm animals" is a personal idea.
6. They live on farms and in open spaces.
7. They eat grass, leaves, and plants.
8. Living together helps goats feel calm and protected.
9. Climbing helps them explore and find food.
10. By providing fences, shelter, and care.





# GLOSSARY

**Buck** – a male goat

**Danger** – something that can hurt an animal

**Doe** – a female goat

**Goat** – a farm animal that eats plants and can climb well

**Grazing** – eating grass and plants in a field

**Herbivore** – an animal that eats plants

**Herd** – a group of animals that live together

**Hooves** – hard feet that help animals walk and climb

**Kid** – a baby goat

**Mammal** – an animal with fur or hair that drinks milk as a baby

**Pen** – a fenced area where farm animals are kept safely

**Predator** – an animal that hunts other animals for food

## FUN WITH GOATS

*Q: What did the bored goat say?*

*A: "Meh!"*

