

## **Moose On The Loose**

### **Teacher Input Suggestions**

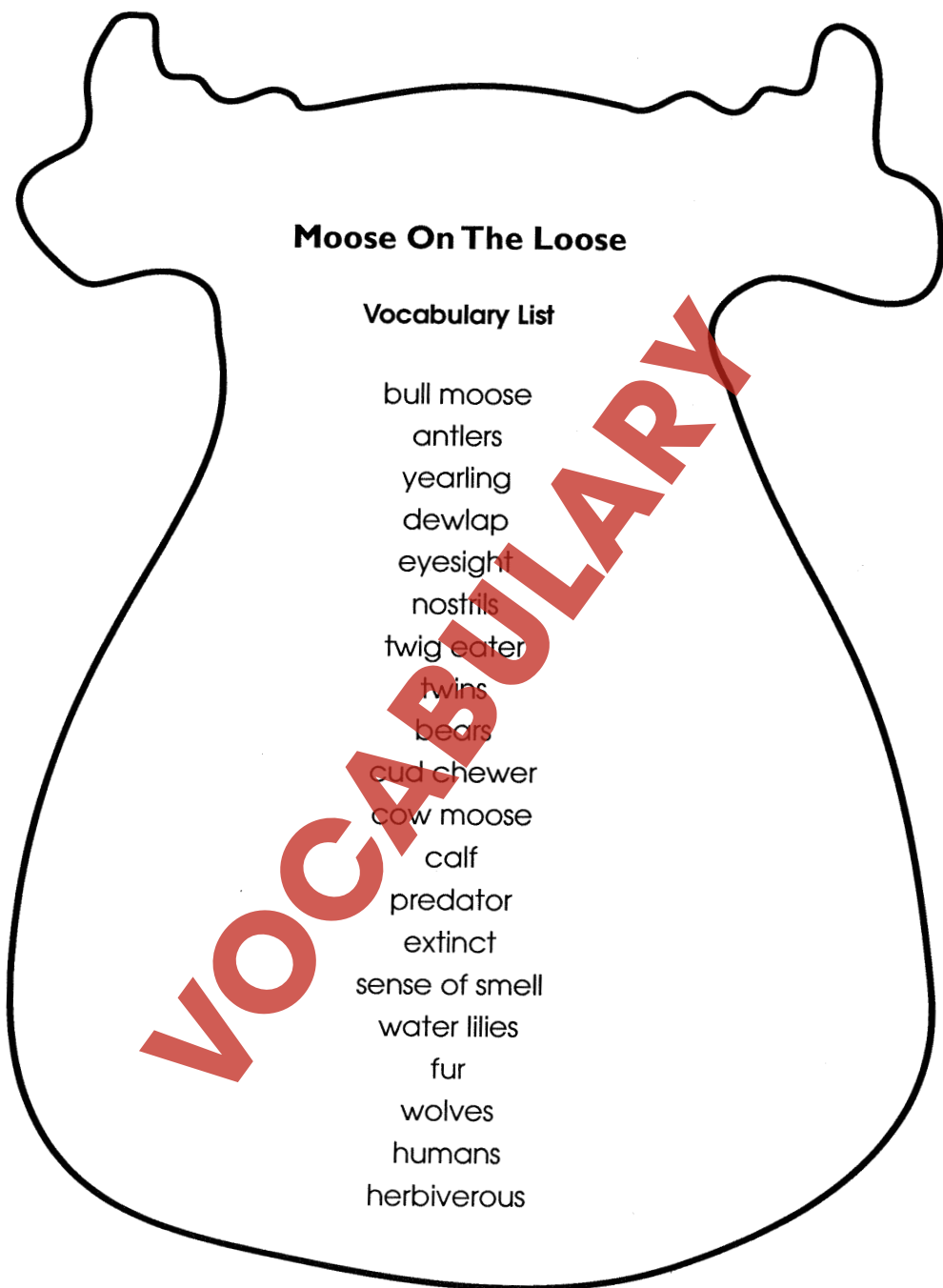
1. Display moose pictures, postcards, books, filmstrips, antlers... at an interest centre.
2. Brainstorm for words, facts, ideas your students have pertaining to moose.  
Record information on a word web/fact chart...at the beginning and ending of the unit in order to do a comparison.  
Keep a chart ongoing so students can add facts as discovered: appearance, home, habits, food, enemies.  
Develop a chart of moose facts, ie. "Did you know?"  
Prepare an oral true/false quiz using the moose facts, to determine how much your students know or have learned.
3. Topics for discussion:
  - hunting/extinction
  - Canadian animals
4. List the titles of moose books read to the class.
  - Graph the favourites.
  - Write to the authors.
  - Show moose films and videos.
5. Trips: Zoo—observe moose and members of deer family (elk, caribou).  
Museum—visit Canadian animal display.
6. Speakers: Invite a hunter to the classroom. Discuss hunting licences.
7. Mapping: Observe/discuss areas in North America where moose are found.
8. Visit the museum—if it has a Canadian Animal display.

Plan with the librarian and develop special activities: research, mini projects...

Plan a "Moose Party" to conclude the theme and present activity results.

Although not all students require word study/phonics activities, these activities can be assigned to students who are having difficulty with a specific concept, or need more practice with a skill, e.g., spelling, word recognition, plurals.

Mount and laminate the phonics/word study activities to keep in a file folder, box or binder.



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### Vocabulary List

bull moose  
antlers  
yearling  
dewlap  
eyesight  
nostrils  
twig eater  
twins  
bears  
cud chewer  
cow moose  
calf  
predator  
extinct  
sense of smell  
water lilies  
fur  
wolves  
humans  
herbivorous

Categorize the vocabulary from your "Moose Word List" and incorporate the groupings into your spelling programme.

## Moose Facts

1. The moose is the largest member of the deer family.
2. A moose can weigh 530 kilograms.
3. A moose can be 2 metres tall.
4. Only the males have antlers.
5. It takes 7 years until the antlers are fully grown.
6. In the late fall or early spring the moose sheds his antlers.
7. A moose has very poor eyesight.
8. A moose has a keen sense of smell.
9. A moose has a keen sense of hearing.
10. Moose are good swimmers.
11. When a moose goes underwater its nostrils close to keep out the water.
12. A moose eats twigs and plants but loves water lilies.
13. A moose can eat as much as 20 kilograms of food per day.
14. Moose is an Indian word which means twig-eater.
15. A moose grows a second layer of fur in the winter to keep it warm.
16. Moose usually live alone.
17. Moose mate in the fall.
18. Usually a female (cow) moose will give birth to twins.
19. A baby moose (calf) weighs about 12 kilograms.
20. Predators of the moose include wolves, bears and...humans.
21. A moose may live to be 20 years old.
22. An adult bull moose can weigh up to 530 kilograms and grow to a length of 3 metres.
23. An adult cow moose can weigh up to 350 kilograms and grow to a length of 2.5 metres.
24. The antlers can be 2 metres wide.
25. An adult moose can run at speeds nearing 60 km per hour.
26. The moose is a cud-chewer. It has four parts to its stomach. How does this work?

## Melvin's Escape



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Melvin was eating in the woods one hot summer day. Although his favourite food was water lilies, today he was eating plants, leaves, bark and the occasional twig. He could eat up to 20 kilograms of food a day. Suddenly he stopped eating. He had heard a sound. Was it trouble?

Melvin carefully listened and sniffed the air for the scents of wolves or the old grizzly bear, who were his enemies. This smell was different. It was his most dangerous enemy of all—a human.

Since Melvin was a young adult moose, he could run very fast—up to 60 km an hour. However, here in the woods, it would be hard to escape. His full-grown antlers were almost 2 metres wide and they might get caught in the bushes.

## Reading-#3

Read the story carefully.  
Fill in the blanks with words that make the most sense to the storyline.

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### Moose Words-#7

Can you find all these words in the "Moose Head"?

Record your time.

Starting time: \_\_\_\_\_

Finishing time: \_\_\_\_\_

The words go **down** and **across** only!

moose	bull	calf	cow
yearling	predator	bell	dewlap
extinct	eyesight	smell	nostrils
lilies	twigs	fur	twins
wolves	bears	cud	humans
hooves	antlers	deer	

O Y M T W I G S O B E A R S C U D O S  
 E E Y E S I G H T M O O S E A M O O A  
 S A E M S E O M O S M O B U L L M W N  
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 R T W I N S O O S E M S O E O S M E R

**Bonus:** List any other words that you find.

### Moose Words-#8

Crossword word list:

antlers  
eyesight  
senses  
cud

extinct  
predator  
cow  
milk  
moose

nostrils  
calf  
lilies  
twins  
wolves

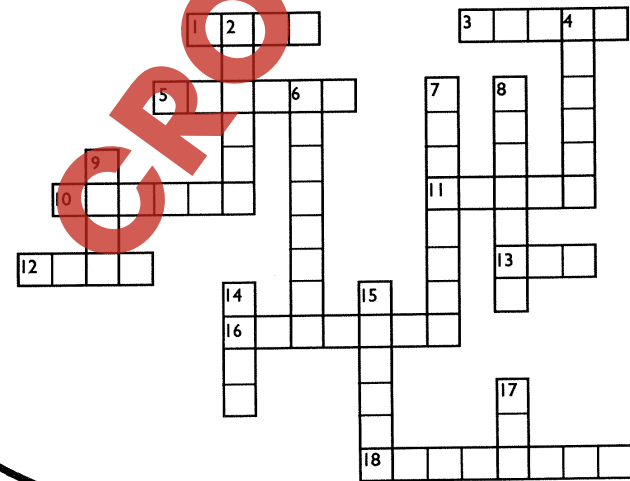
bull  
humans  
twig  
dewlap

#### Across

1. A small branch.
3. A very large animal.
5. What the moose eat.
10. Another name for people.
11. These are babies
12. We can drink this.
13. This is another moose.
16. On the moose's head.
18. Enemy.

#### Down

2. These animals look like dogs.
4. You have five of these.
6. Moose have very poor \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Moose breathe through these.
8. This means there are no more of these animals.
9. A male moose.
14. A baby moose.
15. This is skin under the moose's chin.
17. The moose chews this.



### Moose Sounds-#2

Use a **consonant** or a **blend** to make new words.

moose — oose  
 calf — dlif  
 bull — ull  
 cow — ow  
 smell — ell  
 twig — ig  
 twin — in  
 chew — ew  
 cud — ud  
 bear — ear  
 kitten — itten  
 cage — age

### Moose Sounds-#1

"oo" Words

Think about the "oo" sound you hear in moose.  
 List the words you know that have the same "oo" sound.

1 syllable words	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

What is your score?  
 1 syllable words = 2 points  
 more than 1 syllable = 3 points  
 Write a sentence using as many "oo" words as you can.

### Mathematics-#5

Money

1. If you have 3 quarters, how much money do you have?
2. If you find 3 more, how much money do you have?
3. Oh, no! You lost a quarter!

Do you have enough money to buy a book that costs \$1.00?

What moose cousin is on a quarter?

### Mathematics-#6

Money

1. How many quarters are in \$2.00?
2. If you have that number of quarters and you spend 50¢ for gum, how much do you have left?
3. Your lucky day! You helped your mom and she gave you six quarters. How much do you have?

Make up some money problems for your friends to solve.

### Mathematics-#7

Lily pad sheets are included for math activities you may want to develop. e.g. Counting Patterns — by 2s, 3s, 4s, etc.

Lily pad sheets may also be used as tracking sheets.