

What is your moose IQ?

1

Are the following statements about moose true or false? *Moose antlers and noses are eaten by people.* True. Some people eat roasted moose antlers. They even eat moose nose! First the bones are taken out. Then it is boiled in water with onions, salt, and pepper. *Moose are easily trained.* True again. Although fully grown male moose are hard to handle, many moose can be trained to pull sleighs. *Moose were once no larger than cats.* That's true, too. Like other animals in the deer family, moose were as small as cats millions of years ago.



2

Today moose are huge animals. Sometimes they grow taller than seven feet and weigh up to 1,800 pounds. They are so big that hunters have a problem getting a dead moose back to camp. Native Americans used to solve this problem very cleverly. They just moved their camp to the moose until the giant beast was completely eaten! Despite their large size, moose swim very well. They can often swim faster than a person can row a boat. They are also good at jumping. A hunter once saw a moose jump more than six feet over a fallen pine tree.

3

At one time, hunters killed nearly all the moose in the eastern United States. Then laws were passed to protect this remarkable animal. Now there are nearly half a million moose in North America. They live from Maine to Alaska. In fact, more species of moose are found in North America than anywhere else in the world.





Circle the correct answer for questions 1–5.

Write your answer to question 6 on a separate piece of paper.

1. Moose are _____.
 - A hard to train
 - B good swimmers
 - C found only in Alaska
 - D not protected from hunters
2. Which word in paragraph 2 means “find the answer to”?
 - A grow
 - B solve
 - C moved
 - D problem
3. It is likely that the moose population will remain stable because _____.
 - A moose are no longer eaten
 - B more moose are being used to pull sleighs
 - C laws have been passed to protect the moose
 - D moose are moving into other parts of the United States
4. You can infer from the article that _____.
 - A cat-size moose still live in North America
 - B moose are popular pets in North America
 - C certain types of moose live outside North America
 - D moose are no longer hunted outside North America
5. *Family* can have the following meanings. Mark the meaning used in paragraph 1.
 - A a series of elements
 - B a category of related animals
 - C a group united by convictions
 - D a group related by common characteristics

6. One of the places in North America where moose can be seen is Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado. Write a short promotional piece for the park that persuades people that the moose is a unique animal that must be seen.

