

Examples of Animal Profile Cards

Student Handout

1. I used to live all over the western United States, especially in California and the Great Plains.
2. Ninety percent of what I eat is plant material.
3. I not only graze, I also dig for my food.
4. I do not live in herds; I am a loner.
5. Often my young hang around me, as their mother, for about two winters.
6. I eat lots of dead meat in the spring. I also like to order fish from the menu.
7. I am an official threatened species.
8. I build a den for myself and go inside to hibernate for the winter.
9. I am often identified by my 4-inch long claws and massive shoulder muscle.
10. People want to see me when they visit Yellowstone, but the feeling isn't mutual.

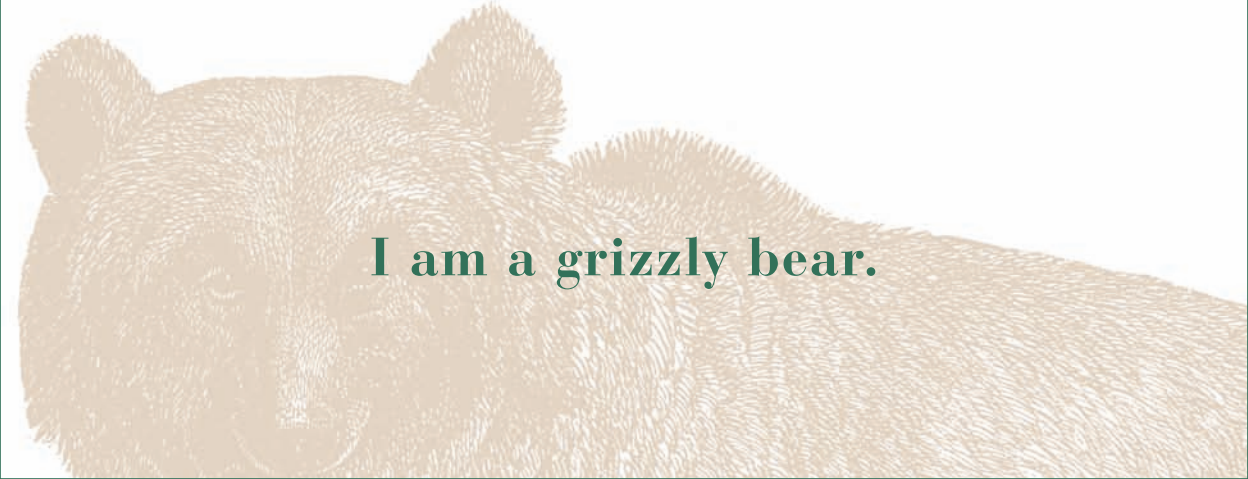
I am a grizzly bear.

1. I like dry, warm country in the summer.
2. I have 32 teeth.
3. I don't live in forests.
4. I have a white rump patch.
5. I weigh about 130 pounds.
6. I eat grasses and sagebrush.
7. My young are called kids.
8. I have horns—it makes no difference whether I'm male or female.
9. I can run over 45 miles per hour for long distances; I'm the fastest mammal in North America.
10. I am misnamed for long-horned grazing animals of Africa and Asia.

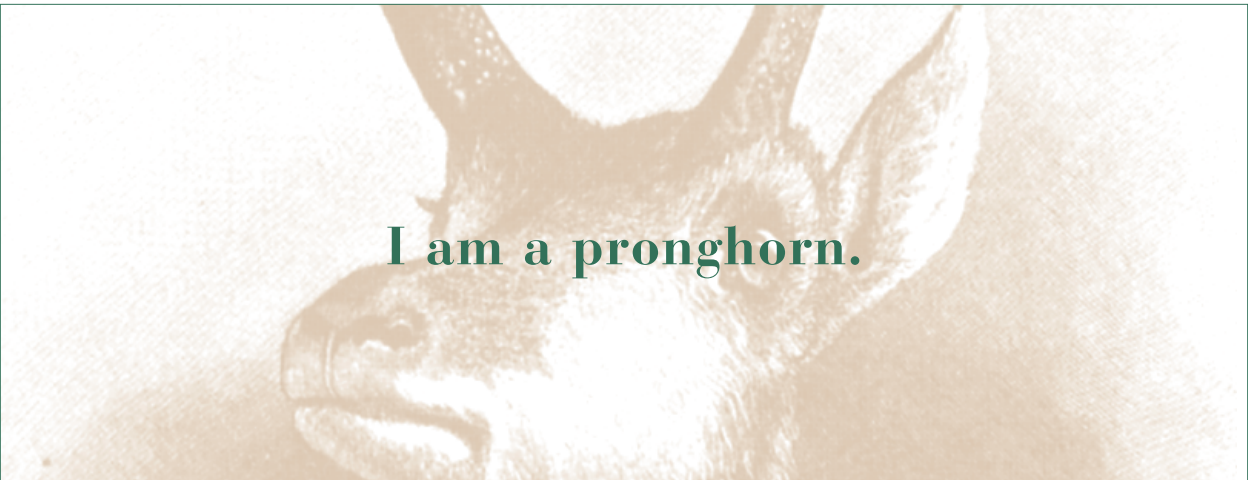
I am a pronghorn.

1. I have killed and hurt people in Yellowstone National Park when they came too close.
2. I can live up to 15 years in the wild.
3. In the winter, I often walk on the snow-packed roads to move from place to place.
4. It is not uncommon for my young to die before age 3, especially when winters are harsh.
5. I spend most of my time eating plants.
6. I carry my young nine months before their birth.
7. In the year 1500, you might have found me between what is now New York and Georgia, west to Oregon, south to Mexico, and north through Canada into Alaska.
8. My young have red hair. Sometimes park visitors ask about the "red dogs."
9. Park rangers in Yellowstone National Park saved me from extinction by raising me like cattle at a ranch in Lamar Valley from 1902 to 1930.
10. Some people are concerned that I might transmit brucellosis.

I am a bison.



I am a grizzly bear.



I am a pronghorn.



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