

Deers

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Introduction

Do you know how deer use their legs?

They use their legs to run very fast, to swim and to jump very far. In this essay, we will learn about how deer use their legs compared with how humans use their legs.

Habitat / Food / Predators

Deer live in grasslands, prairies and plains, mountains, and forests. However, their favorite places are the forest. They eat more than 160 kinds of plants. Their favorite foods are leaves, flowers, fruits, peas, grass, acorns, shrubs and tender bark. Their predators are tigers, cougars, and maybe lions depending on where it lives.



The picture of a deer's leg

About the legs

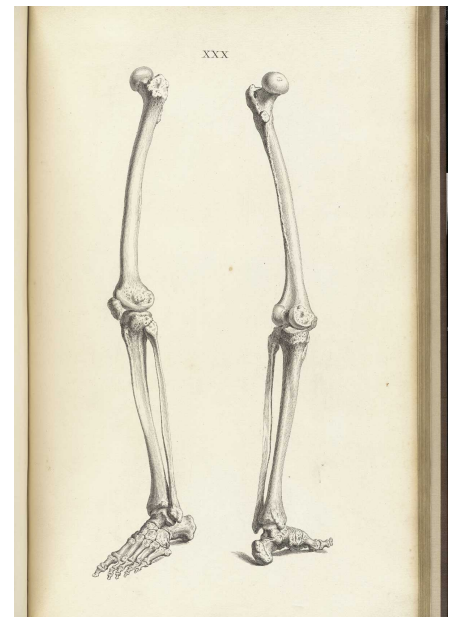
Deer use their legs to run very fast. They also use their legs to swim and to jump very well. They have **hoofs**. Each hoof has four toes, with two in the front and two in the back. Because they have skinny legs they can walk on their toes. They scrape the ground with their hoofs. They have skinny legs and therefore they don't have to worry about falling. Think about yourself carrying a heavy bag up a staircase, you would get tired because it is very heavy but a deer's legs are very light so it can make the deer go up the stairs easily. The legs are light so they can kick the predators to leave them alone. The **fawns** have long spindly legs. All of these things

helps the deer survive.

Human

Like the deer, we also use our legs to run, swim and jump but we don't have skinny legs so we can't go so fast like a deer. We don't have legs to help us survive in the wild the same way as deer do. If a tiger or something is chasing us and we can't go as fast as a deer or we will be food for the tiger and other animals, however, our legs and feet are good for climbing and this helped us survive in the old day. We can walk on two legs on the other hand deer can walk on four legs.

Diagram of the human legs



About the human leg

The **femur**, in the leg is the longest and heaviest bone in the body. The leg is attached to the spine by the pelvis, a group of strong bones. The bottom of the thigh bone forms the upper part of the knee. The foot is made up of an arrangement of small bones that flex when we walk. The knee joint, which connects the thigh bone to the lower leg bone, is the biggest and strongest single joint in the body.

Connection

The main difference is that the deer's legs are skinny and the human's legs are not that skinny like the deer's legs. The deer's skinny legs help it run fast so it can get away from predators fast. Whereas in the human our thick muscle legs help us walk on two legs therefore we can climb and carry stuff. The main comparancens are that the both the deer and the human use their legs to walk and run too. Deer walk on their toes. They live in the forest where the ground is grass but if they live in a classroom they might slip. Humans might not slip because humans don't walk on their toes.

Conclusion

In this essay, I compared a human's leg with a deer's leg. They both use their legs to survive. I did a project about a deer's leg because I thought it will be interesting to find out how it they use their legs compared to how humans use their legs. That is why I talked about the deer's legs in this essay. Do you want to know more about the deer's leg?

Glossary

Fawn- a name for a baby deer
Hoof- a hard covering on a deer's foot
Femur- the bone in the thigh