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Oh Deer!

You can run up to 40 mph, swim 13 mph, and smell danger. Can you guess what animal you are? I'll give you another hint: You have a four-chambered stomach and chew cud. This is when you swallow food without chewing it well the first time, and then cough it back up later to chew properly. Not very polite, but that's what you do if you're a deer!

Deer are shy animals and usually live alone, except when a female deer (*a doe*) has young deer (*fawns*). The doe and fawns will stay together until the fawns are old enough to go off on their own. Deer are herbivores, which means they only eat plants. Their favorite foods include berries, leaves, herbs, acorns, and grass. Deer often walk the same paths day after day. So if you see a tiny trail cutting through a forest or field, chances are you will find deer nearby!

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