

## How is a cow different from you and me?

Cows have four legs, not two. Cows have hooves, not feet. They do have toes, but only two on each hoof. Cows have tails they use to swat flies. We use our hands to swat flies. Baby calves drink milk from the cow. We drink milk from a cup.

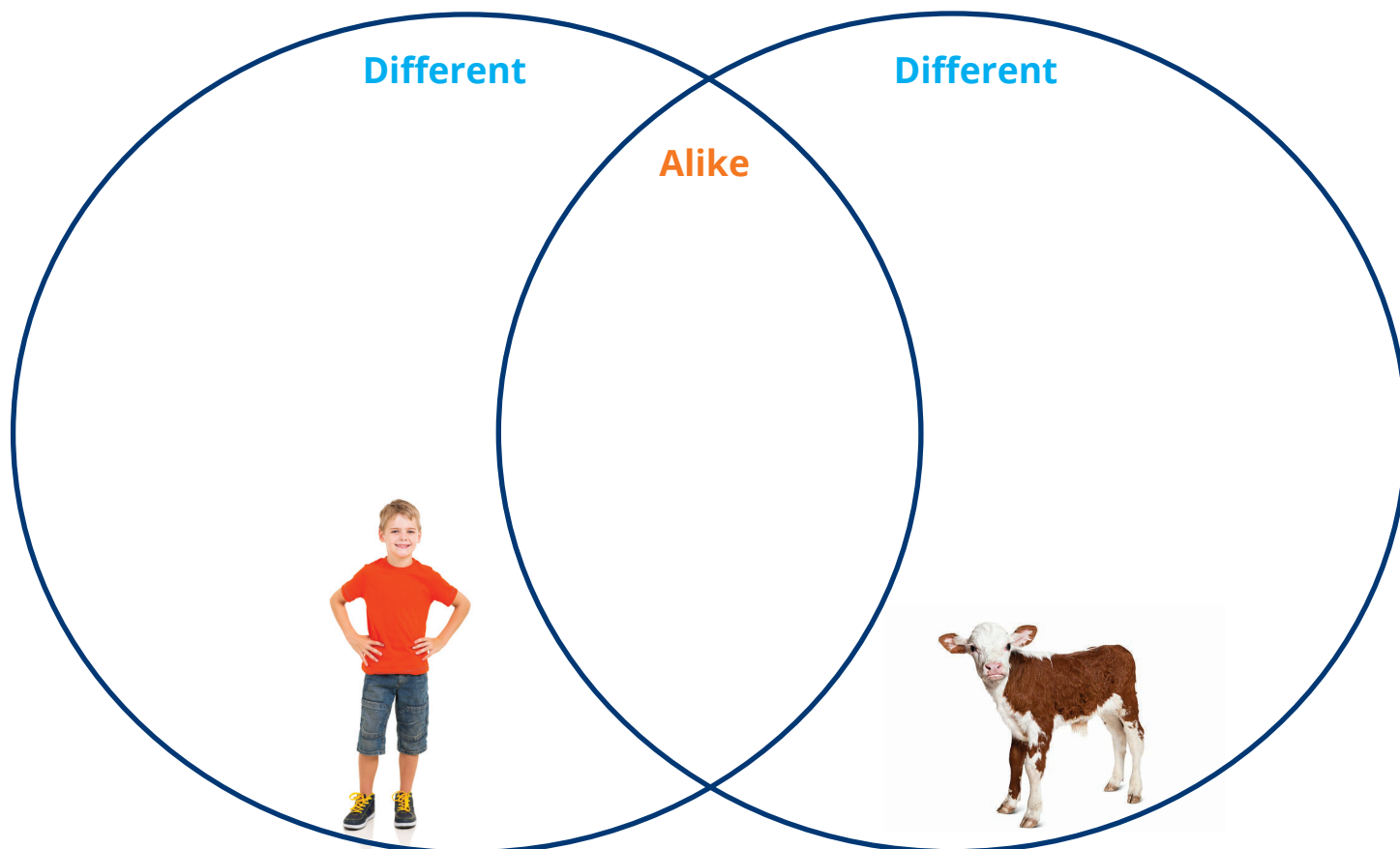
The ears of a cow are much larger than our ears. Cows that live where it is hot have large ears and loose skin to

help them stay cool. Some cattle can use their ears to fan themselves. Loose skin also helps protect the cattle from insect bites.

A male is called a "bull," and a female is called a "cow." A cow's stomach has four parts, while people have only one.

The cow has a long tongue that feels like sandpaper. Our tongues are short and soft.

Use what you read to show ways that a person and a calf are alike. How are they different?



Cattle can be found all across Oklahoma. Cattle that are girls are called cows. Cattle that are boys are called bulls. All cows make milk when they have a baby. A baby is called a calf.

Dairy cows make more milk than beef cows, but we can drink milk from both of them. Cows are milked every day, usually two times a day. The milk from a cow can be made into milk, butter, ice cream, and cheese.

Beef cows do not make as much milk. We get our meat from them. Do you like to eat steak or hamburgers? Most of the time the beef you eat comes from beef cattle.


Cattle can have spots or they can be all one color. Holstein cattle are most often white with black spots, but their spots can be red. Holstein cattle are one kind of dairy cows. Angus are one kind of beef cattle. Most of the time they are all black, but they can be red.





# Is it a Dairy Product?


These items come from cattle. Draw a circle around the items made from milk.





How many wedges of cheese?  \_\_\_\_


How many footballs?  \_\_\_\_


How many steaks?  \_\_\_\_


How many hamburgers?  \_\_\_\_


How many baseball gloves?  \_\_\_\_

How many sticks of butter?  \_\_\_\_

How many ice cream cones?  \_\_\_\_

How many boots?  \_\_\_\_

How many basketballs?  \_\_\_\_

How many yogurt cups?  \_\_\_\_

# Common Beef Breeds



Angus



Hereford



Charolais



Limousin



Brahman

# Dairy Breeds



Holstein



Jersey



Ayrshire



Brown Swiss



Red and White

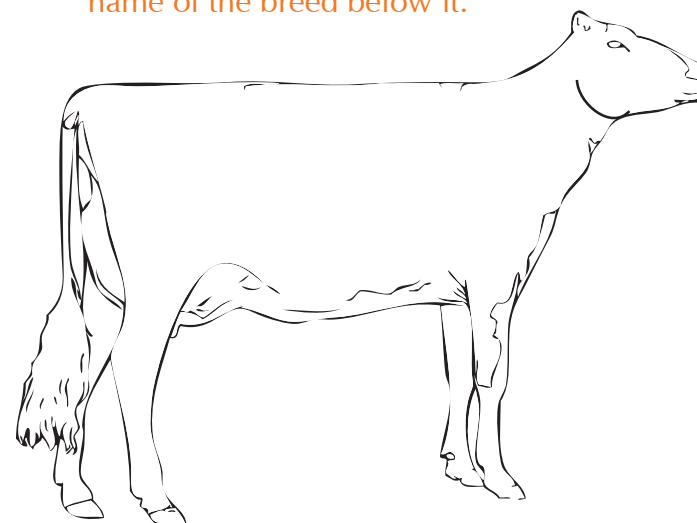


Guernsey



Milking Shorthorn

Color this dairy cow to make it match the cow that you like best. Write the name of the breed below it.



Color this beef bull to make it match the bull that you like best. Write the name of the breed below it.

