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Activity 6 - classification:

Whose hair is it?

Mammals have lots of different types of hair or fur! Otters have two layers of fur; the inside layer is warm and fluffy, and the outside layer helps to keep them dry. Reindeer have hair which is hollow on the inside! Imagine that! They live in very cold places so this hair traps air inside of it and keeps them nice and warm. Did you know that polar bear's hair is mostly clear? They look white because light gets trapped in their hair particles and bounces around. Elephants have thick hair and not too much of it and this helps to cool them down! Whereas horses have a long tail to swat away flies. A rhino's horn is made up of something called keratin, that's the same stuff that makes up our hair and nails! There are just so many different uses for hair!!

Use the information to fill in the boxes at the bottom of the 'Whose hair is it?' flow chart! Only 4 mammals mentioned in the text are answers. Which could they be?

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