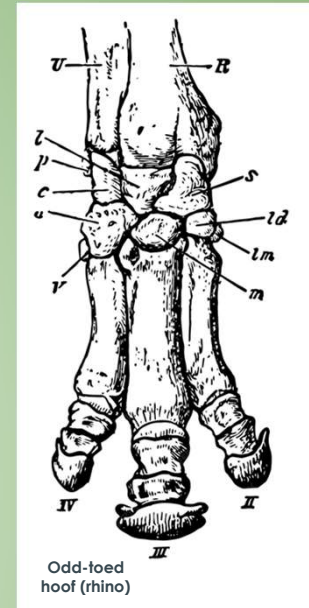


What is a hoof?

- The hoof material is keratin-based, like our nails and hair
- A hoof is basically an enlarged toenail
- Hooves grow throughout an animal's life
- Hoofed animals walk on their toes



Hoof vocab:

- *Wall* - the visible part of the hoof that encircles the foot
- *Sole* - protects the foot from injury from below and gives grip on uneven terrain
- *Frog* - the first part of the foot to make contact with the ground; the anti-slip and shock absorber device

