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## How Do Wolves Move?

### Short Answer Key

1. A wolf's "direct register" movement helps it conserve energy and move quietly by placing its back paws exactly where its front paws stepped.
2. Wolves' broad, padded paws act like snowshoes, allowing them to walk on snow without sinking.
3. Wolves use their powerful hind legs and flexible bodies to make sharp turns while running.
4. Wolves cannot sustain their top speed for long because it requires a lot of energy, and they are built more for endurance than sprinting.
5. Wolves organize themselves with the alpha pair leading, younger or weaker wolves in the middle, and stronger members guarding the rear.

