

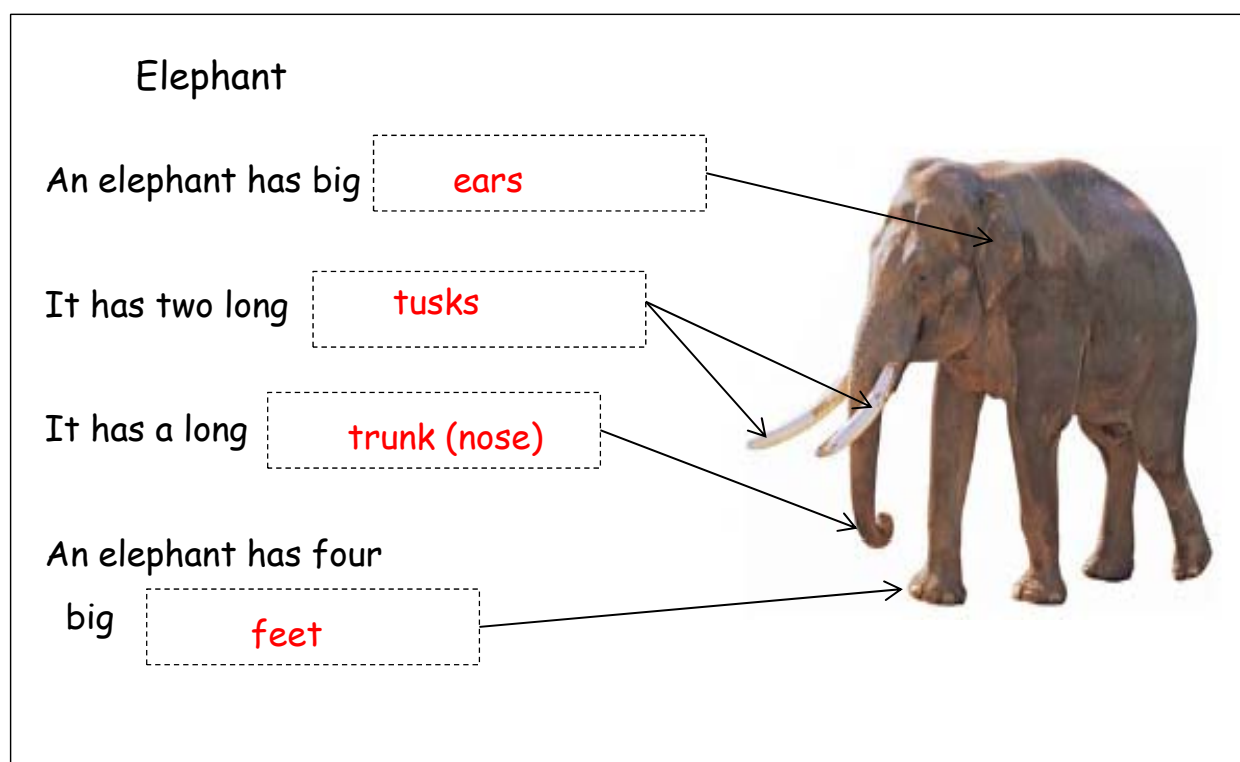
Alpha Level 5

# Great Big Elephants



## Word Study

**A** Label each part of the elephant's body.



**B** Complete the sentence using words in the box.

Word Box

~~appetite~~, ~~loudspeaker~~, ~~communicate~~, ~~muscles~~, ~~predators~~, ~~dung~~

- 1) Elephants make loud noises to **communicate** with each other.  
*to get someone to understand your thoughts or feelings*
- 2) An elephant has about 150,000 **muscles** in its trunk.  
*body tissue that can contract and produce movement*
- 3) Elephants get a big **appetite** so they need to live in very large areas.  
*physical desire for food*
- 4) An elephant's trunk can smell food, water and **predators**.  
*animals that live by killing and eating other animals*
- 5) An adult male elephant produces up to 200 kilograms of **dung** per day.  
*solid waste from an animal*
- 6) An elephant's trunk is like a **loudspeaker**.  
*device that is used to make sound (such as music or a person's voice) louder*

## Word Study

- C** Complete the sentences using words in the box.  
Then rewrite it on the line.

Word Box

~~cool~~, ~~from~~, ~~suck~~, ~~on~~, ~~enough~~, ~~up to~~, ~~like~~, ~~as~~, ~~down~~

- 1) Elephant can be **as tall** as two very tall people. as tall as
- 2) A male, African elephant can weigh up to 6000 kilos. up to
- 3) Elephants use their ears to **cool** themselves down. cool down
- 4) Elephants suck **up** water with their trunks. suck up
- 5) Elephants coat themselves with mud to **stay** cool. stay cool
- 6) Their legs **are** like huge pillars. are like
- 7) Birds and animals **feed** on the seeds in the dung. feed on
- 8) Mud can **protect** the elephant's skin from sunburn and insect bites. protect from

- D** Make these Similes with words in the box below.

A **simile** is a phrase using the words 'like' or 'as'

Their legs are **like** huge pillars.

They are **as** busy **as** a bee.

- 1) hungry as a bear.
- 2) easy as pie.
- 3) sings like a bird.
- 4) swim like a fish.
- 5) loud as thunder.
- 6) fluffy like a \_\_\_\_\_.



bear



pie



thunder



bird



fish



bunny

# Comprehension

## A Answer the following questions.

- 1) The main purpose of this book is to give facts and details about elephants  
a) to explain baby elephants      b) to describe two kinds of elephants.  
☒ c) to give facts and details about elephants.
- 2) Which elephant is smaller? (p.p.4~5)  
☒ a) Indian elephant      b) African elephant
- 3) Why do elephants need to live in large areas? (p.p. 6~7)  
Because they drink and eat so much.
- 4) How do elephants use their ears in hot weather? (p.p. 8~9)  
They flap their ears, the blood insides their ears cools down.
- 5) An elephant's trunk can work  
as a nose, a hand, an arm, a shower and a loudspeaker.  
(p.p. 10~11)
- 6) Why do sometimes elephants cover themselves with mud? (p.p. 12~13)  
To protect themselves from sunburn and insects.

## B Read and circle "T" for true or "F" for false.

- 7) Elephants aren't the largest animals on land.

T / ☒ F

- 8) Wrinkles in their skin keep moisture so that their skin does not dry.

☒ T / F

- 9) Elephants often get stuck in the mud.

T / ☒ F

- 10) Elephants tusks are strong and sharp enough to pierce the metal of a car.

☒ T / F

- 10) Elephants' tusks are long, curved bones.

T / ☒ F

# Comprehension

## C Write the facts about elephants

### Food

grass, leaves

### Habitat

In Asia, or in Africa

### Tusks

curved teeth  
sharp

### Big Ears

flap ears to cool down

### Wrinkles

thick skin, many wrinkles  
keep moisture

### Trunk

make sounds, lift objects  
suck up water, spray water

### feet (legs)

strong legs, support their bodies

Answers can vary

## Word Box

leaves, grass, fish, meat, Asia, Africa, America, Europe

tall, live on land, eat about 16 hours a day. drink so much, big ears, flap ears, cool down, thick skin, strong legs, trunk, suck up water, spray water, lift objects, make sounds, cover with, mud, wrinkles, keep moisture in, support bodies, tusk, curved teeth, sharp,

## D Write and Speak

Write a science report about elephants.



### The African elephant

What is the name of the animal?

It lives in Africa.

Where do they live?

It eats grass and leaves.

What do they eat?

It has darker skin than other elephants.

It sprays water over its body with its trunk.

Write about two of the body parts of elephants.