



WILD CLASSROOM



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ELEPHANTS

● Elephant Fun Facts

- An elephant's trunk is an extension of the upper lip and nose, and it serves many other purposes too—as a hand to pick up objects; a horn to trumpet a warning; an arm to use for touching and to raise in greeting; a snorkel to breathe through when swimming; and a hose for drinking water or bathing.
- An elephant trunk has up to 150,000 muscle units (by comparison, a human has around 600 muscles in his/her entire body).
- Tusks are massive, deeply rooted teeth that perform a variety of functions for the elephant, such as digging, lifting objects, gathering food, stripping bark from trees to eat, protecting the trunk, and defense.
- Elephants are either left- or right-tusked. The tusk they use most often is usually smaller because of wear and tear.
- Elephants are herbivores and can eat up to 600 pounds of vegetation a day. They can spend up to 18 hours a day eating grasses, leaves, roots, bark, and fruit.
- Elephants need a lot of water to survive. They consume 50 to 60 gallons of water a day.
- Elephants can live to be between 60 and 70 years old in the wild.
- Female elephants are more social than males. They form herds of related females that are led by the oldest female, the "matriarch."
- Elephant herds follow the same, seasonal migration routes year after year in search of food and water. It is the role of the matriarch to lead the herd along these routes.
- Healthy adult elephants have no natural predators; the threats to their survival all stem from human activities.
- Elephants show emotions similar to humans' and understand what other elephants are feeling. They have been observed caring for wounded individuals and mourning their dead.

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Date: _____

ELEPHANT WORD PUZZLE

Complete the puzzle with words related to elephants. Use your elephant fact sheets to help you.

1. Elephants have no natural _____; humans are their only threat.
2. Elephants are _____ and can eat up to 600 pounds of vegetation a day.
3. Elephants show _____ similar to humans'.
4. The oldest female in an elephant herd is called the _____.
5. Elephants can detect the Earth's vibrations with sensory cells in their _____.
6. There are three primary _____ of elephants: Asian, African savanna, and African forest.
7. _____ are massive, deeply rooted elephant teeth.
8. Asian elephants have the smallest _____ of all the elephant species.
9. Elephants are the largest land _____ on Earth.
10. Elephants have keen _____ skills.
11. Elephants have the longest _____ of any mammal, lasting 22 months.
12. More than _____ of all Asian elephants are found in India.
13. Elephant herds follow the same _____ routes every year.
14. To protect themselves from sunburn, elephants throw _____ on their backs.
15. Elephants consume 50 to 60 gallons of _____ a day.
16. An elephant trunk has up to 150,000 _____ units.

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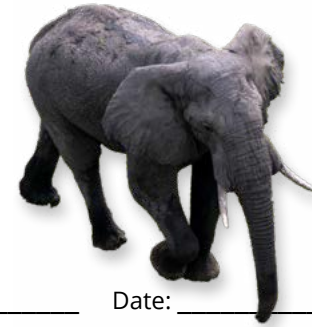
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