

ASIAN ELEPHANT

EDUCATIONAL NOTEBOOK

Cycle 3



A decorative border at the top of the page featuring various green tropical leaves, including a large monstera leaf on the left and several palm fronds on the right.

THE GAME HAS STARTED

Follow us on crazy adventure in the jungle in Nepal and learn about elephants !

Discover an incredible animal through fun elephant activities.

ARE YOU READY ?

Great ! You will have to work in teams to find the answers and solve the mystery.

Separate into teams and choose your color. Who will be the strongest ?





A LITTLE GEOGRAPHY

First, we'll teach you the basics about elephants !

There are two species of elephants on earth, that is, there are two animals which do not live in the same place but are quite similar.

Which 2 continents do the two species of elephant live ?



Europe



Africa



Asia



Antarctica



North America

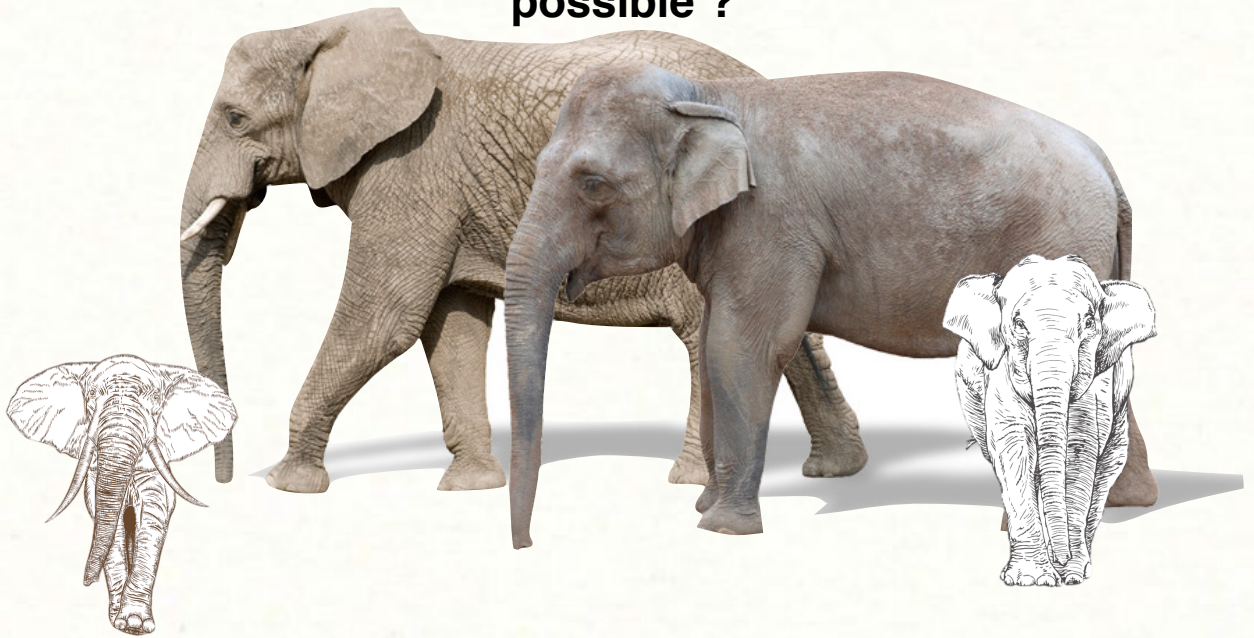


South America

THE DIFFERENCES

Although these two species look alike, they live in different continents so there are differences caused by the environment in which they live.

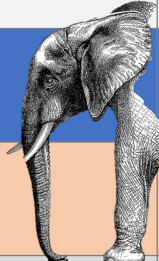
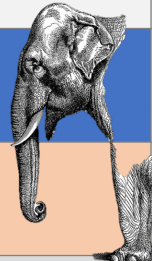
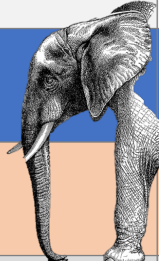
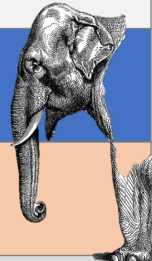






Will you be smart enough to find as many differences as possible ?



1	AFRICAN ELEPHANTS	2	ASIAN ELEPHANTS
A		A	
B		B	
C		C	
D		D	
E		E	

MORE THAN A DIFFERENCE

The differences between the two species are !

	AFRICAN ELEPHANT	ASIAN ELEPHANT
1	Bigger the size 	Smaller the size 
2	Ears are bigger 	Ears are smaller 
3	Ears form the shape of Africa	Ears form the shape of India (Asia)
4	Two fingers on the trunk 	One finger on the trunk 
5	Both male/female has tusk	Only male has tusk
6	Squared head 	Domed head 
7	Hollow back 	Rounded back 

So, who got the most correct answers ?



HOW DOES AN ELEPHANT LIVE ?

Elephants are social animals. They live in groups called a herd. Their leader is the oldest female because she knows the most about the jungle. We call her the Matriarch.



In a herd, there are females and young elephants. Male elephants leave the herd when they are a bit older. They live on their own or with another male buddy wandering the jungle. When an elephant gets pregnant, the baby grows for 2 years in the womb of its mother before being born. Baby elephants weigh about 100kg at birth.

Elephants can live up to 80 years of age.





QUIZ

Next step : if you have followed the differences correctly, I think you can't go wrong on this quiz.



- 1. The tusks of elephants are :**
- a. Horns
 - b. Teeth
 - c. Nails



- 2. Which elephant has the biggest ears ?**
- a. American
 - b. Asian
 - c. African



- 3. What is the weight of a baby elephant at birth ?**
- a. 50 kg
 - b. 100 kg
 - c. 200 kg



WHAT DOES AN ELEPHANT EAT ?

Elephants are herbivores.

Herbivores are animals that feed on food of plant origin, which means they only eat plants and not meat, like a vegetarian.

CIRCLE ON WHAT ELEPHANTS CAN EAT !

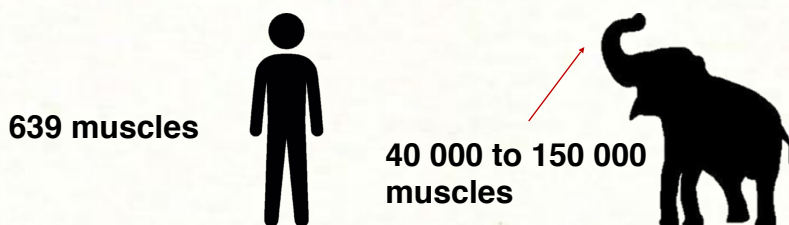




POWER OF THE ELEPHANT

Elephants are the largest animals that live on land. Male African elephants can weigh up to 6 500kg while male Asian Elephants can grow up to 5 500kg. Females are usually smaller by about 1 000kg. Elephants are also very muscular, especially their trunk.

Let's compare your body with the trunk of an elephant :



The trunk is a nose made of many small muscles. Elephants use their trunks to drink by sucking in water, then spitting it back out into their mouth. Elephants are great swimmers and can even use their trunks like a snorkel. They use their trunks to reach food or catch objects to play with. With such a big nose, elephants can smell 4 times better than a dog.





ELEPHANT POWERS

Elephants are very intelligent animals. They have a very good memory and can remember all the places they've been and paths they've taken. This is especially useful to know which places have plenty of water and the best food.

The EARS, FEET and SOUNDS are very important, they help with communication, either between them in a herd or between two herds of elephants. By making loud trumpeting noises and stomping their feet, elephants can hear other elephants up to ten kilometers away.



With their TRUNK, they strengthen their bonds within their family. Elephants touch each other a lot to help express how they're feeling.





TOURISM

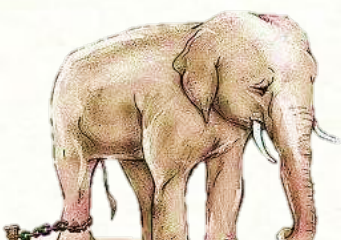
In Asia, unfortunately not all elephants live freely in the jungle, some live with people. We call these elephants captive because they are kept by someone and are not free to do whatever they want.



BUT WHAT ARE THESE ELEPHANTS DOING THEN ?

These captive elephants carry tourists (visitors) on their backs to take walks through the jungle. Although elephants are strong and can carry heavy loads on their back, too much work often leads to problems.

These working elephants have a very difficult life.





THE DANGERS FOR THE ASIAN ELEPHANT

THE DEFORESTATION

Deforestation is when people cut down trees in the forest to build towns, farms or fields. The problem is that many animals live in the forest and are left without a home. Yes ! With nowhere to go, many animals starve or go to the towns to find food. Big animals can wreak havoc which creates a problem between people and animals.



THE POACHING

Poaching is when a human being kills or captures a wild animal when he is not allowed. Many elephants are killed for their valuable tusks because humans resell them and earn a lot of money.



STAND UP 4 ELEPHANTS NEPAL

Despite the many problems that exist, associations like Stand Up 4 Elephants are there to help elephants in Nepal.

BUT WHAT DOES THIS ASSOCIATION DO ?

Stand Up 4 Elephants mission is to improve the lives of captive elephants, their mahouts (elephant caretakers) and the communities (villages) in which they all live.

BUT HOW ?

By teaching people, children like you what an elephants is, how they live, how they live in Nepal, why they are with humans and what we all can do to help them. The association works with people from the village and the other mahouts to show how to make the life of these elephants better and hopefully one day to completely stop elephant rides with tourists.

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STAND UP

4 ELEPHANTS IN NEPAL

A FILM BY ANIMAL WELFARE





QUIZ

Next step : if you have listened carefully, you can't go wrong on this quiz.



1. Circle the false statement :

- a. Elephants use their trunks to drink water.
- b. Elephants breathe through their trunk.
- c. Elephants' trunks have many small bones.



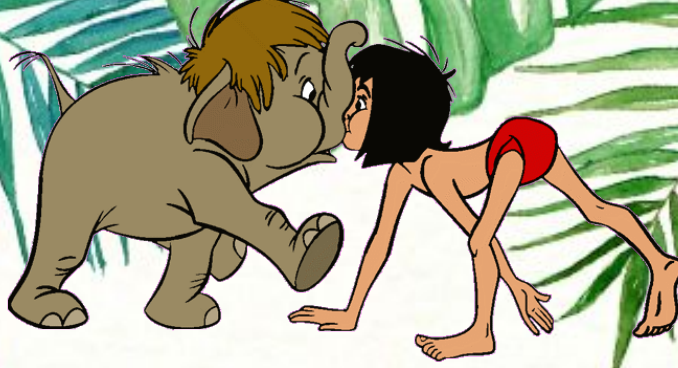
2. How long can an elephant live ?

- a. 10 years
- b. 30 years
- c. 80 years



3. How many kilometers away can elephants hear each other ?

- a. 2 km
- b. 10 km
- c. 100 km



ELEPHANTS FACTS WORDS SEARCH

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O	G	M	E	X	T	R	U	N	K	J	G	W
J	M	V	W	R	I	N	K	L	E	S	V	E

AFRICAN

EMOTIONAL

JUNGLE

SWIMMER

ASIAN

HERBIVORE

MATRIARCH

TRUNK

CALF

HERD

MUSTH

TUSK

EARS

INTELLIGENT

SOCIAL

WRINKLES

NOTE : With the letters you have left, few words can be formed.