

All About Elephants

Elephants can grow up to three metres tall. They can weigh around the same as three large cars!

Elephants Never Forget

Elephants have big brains and they are very clever. They help and love each other. Lots of people say that elephants never forget things.

Did You Know...?

Elephants can get sunburnt!

They have a bath in the mud and throw dirt on their backs to help to keep their skin safe.



Telling Them Apart

There are three ways to check if an elephant is an African elephant or an Asian elephant. You can look at:

- their ears;
- the shape of their head;
- their tusks.



an African elephant



an Asian elephant

African elephants have:

- large ears that look like the shape of Africa;
- rounded heads.

Male and female African elephants can have tusks.



Asian elephants have:

- smaller, rounder ears;
- two bumps on their heads.

Only male Asian elephants can have tusks.

Did You Know...?

A group of elephants is called a herd.

The oldest female elephant is the boss of the herd. She leads the way.

Did You Know...?

Adult male elephants are called bulls.

Adult female elephants are called cows.

A baby elephant is called a calf.



Questions

1. Which elephant has two bumps on its head? Tick one.

- an African elephant
- an Asian elephant
- a baby elephant

2. Draw **three** lines and match each elephant to what it is called.

An adult male elephant is called...

a cow.

An adult female elephant is called...

a calf.

A baby elephant is called...

a bull.

3. Number the facts from 1-3 to show the order that they appear in the text.

- A group of elephants is called a herd.
- Elephants have big brains.
- Only male Asian elephants have tusks.

4. Fill in the missing word.

The _____ female elephant is the boss of the herd.

5. Why do elephants have a bath in the mud?
