

ELEPHANT FACTS

The elephant is the largest animal that lives on land. Some male elephants can grow to be thirteen feet tall (3.9 meters). That's more than twice as tall as many human adults. Elephants can weigh as much as 12,000 pounds (5,443 kilograms)—between ten and fourteen thousand pounds (4,536 kg - 6,350 kg). Elephants walk, drink, eat, and wash themselves with their long trunks. They have tusks—long teeth made of ivory—that help them get food and carry heavy objects.



Do the Elephant Quiz!

1. Elephants sleep _____
 - a) sitting down
 - b) standing up
 - c) lying down
2. Sometimes _____
 - a) white
 - b) brown
 - c) black
3. Elephants behave _____
 - a) like cats
 - b) like dogs
 - c) like horses
4. Elephants have _____
 - a) ears
 - b) wings
 - c) tails
5. They use _____
 - a) their trunks
 - b) their heads
 - c) their legs
6. They use _____
 - a) their trunks
 - b) their heads
 - c) their legs
7. Elephants weigh _____
 - a) 100 pounds
 - b) 10,000 pounds
 - c) 12,000 pounds
8. They communicate with _____
 - a) sounds
 - b) touch
 - c) sight
9. Only _____
 - a) males
 - b) females
 - c) both
10. They fight with their _____
 - a) trunks
 - b) heads
 - c) tails
11. They sleep _____
 - a) sitting
 - b) standing
 - c) lying

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| Scientific name: | Elephantidae |
| Size: | 10 feet or less |
| Height: | 4.5 - 6.5 meters |
| Lifespan: | 60 to 70 years |
| Habitat: | Savanna forest to open plain |
| Diet: | Herbivore |
| Reproduction: | About 12 months |
| Predators: | Humans |