

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 to 6,350 kilograms). 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 humans
4. Elephants have _____
 - a) ears
 - b) wings
 - c) tails
5. They use _____
 - a) their trunks
 - b) their heads
 - c) their legs
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 - a) their trunks
 - b) their heads
 - c) their legs
7. Elephants weigh _____
 - a) 10,000 pounds
 - b) 12,000 pounds
 - c) 15,000 pounds
8. They communicate with _____
 - a) sounds
 - b) touch
 - c) sight
9. They grow up _____
 - a) fast
 - b) slow
 - c) very slowly
10. They fight with their _____
 - a) trunks
 - b) heads
 - c) legs
11. They get up _____
 - a) early
 - b) late
 - c) during the day

FACT FILE

Scientific name:	Elephantidae
Size:	10 feet or less
Height:	4.5–13.5 feet
Lifespan:	60 to 70 years
Habitat:	Savanna forest to open plain
Diet:	Herbivore
Reproduction:	About 12 months
Predators:	Humans