

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 a school bus—between ten and fourteen thousand pounds (4,500kg - 6,300kg) - sitting! 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) elephants shake their heads
 - b) elephants shake their trunks
 - c) elephants shake their ears
3. Elephants shake _____
 - a) sometimes they shake to cool
 - b) sometimes they shake to heat
 - c) sometimes they shake to get the parasites off
4. Elephants use their trunks _____
 - a) to drink
 - b) to wash
 - c) to eat
5. Elephants use their trunks _____
 - a) to drink
 - b) to wash
 - c) to eat
6. They use it to _____
 - a) to drink
 - b) to wash
 - c) to eat
7. They use it to _____
 - a) to drink
 - b) to wash
 - c) to eat
8. Elephants weigh _____
 - a) 10,000 pounds
 - b) 10,000 lbs
 - c) 10,000 kg
9. They communicate with their _____
 - a) mouths
 - b) heads
 - c) trunks
10. Only grown up _____
 - a) elephants have tusks
 - b) elephants have tusks
 - c) elephants have tusks
11. The female elephants _____
 - a) give birth to calves
 - b) give birth to calves
 - c) give birth to calves
12. They fight with their _____
 - a) heads
 - b) heads
 - c) heads
13. They sleep _____
 - a) sitting
 - b) sitting
 - c) sitting

FACT FILE

Scientific name:	Elephantidae
Size:	10 to 13 feet
Weight:	4,500 - 14,000 lbs
Lifespan:	60 to 70 years
Habitat:	Savanna and forest
Color:	Grey
Conservation:	Endangered
Prey:	None