

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) 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 their
 - a) trunk
 - b) tusks
 - c) teeth
6. They use their trunk to
 - a) eat
 - b) drink
 - c) wash
7. They use their trunk to
 - a) lift
 - b) hold
 - c) push
8. They communicate with their
 - a) mouths
 - b) trunks
 - c) ears
9. They grow up
 - a) fast
 - b) slow
 - c) quickly
10. They get along with
 - a) lions
 - b) tigers
 - c) humans
11. They fight with their
 - a) trunks
 - b) tusks
 - c) teeth
12. They get up
 - a) early
 - b) late
 - c) during

FACT FILE

Scientific name:	Elephantidae
Size:	10 feet or less
Weight:	4,500-14,000 lbs
Lifespan:	60 to 70 years
Habitat:	Savanna forest to open plain
Diet:	Herbivore
Reproduction:	About 12 months
Predators:	Humans