

# Elephants - Facts File and Worksheet

 *Subject: Animals*



## Learn About Elephants

Get ready to learn about the most amazing giants on Earth! Elephants are incredible animals that are bigger, smarter, and more special than you might imagine. Let's discover the wonderful world of elephants together!

### What's Inside This Fact File?

Amazing Quick  
Facts

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Puzzles

Draw & Label  
Challenge

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Teachers

## Quick Facts

- 1 Elephants are the largest land animals on Earth and belong to the family Elephantidae - there are three types living today!
- 2 An adult African elephant can weigh as much as 7 cars put together and grow taller than a two-story house!
- 3 African elephants live in hot deserts and cool forests, while Asian elephants prefer shady forest homes.
- 4 Elephants eat 300-400 pounds of plants every day - that's like eating 1,200 hamburgers worth of food!
- 5 Baby elephants are born after staying in their mom's belly for 22 months and weigh as much as a refrigerator when born!
- 6 An elephant's trunk has 40,000 muscles and can lift 700 pounds - like lifting two refrigerators at once!
- 7 Elephants can remember friends even after many years apart and know the locations of hundreds of water holes!
- 8 An elephant's ears can be 6 feet across - taller than most adults - and help keep them cool!
- 9 Elephants make over 70 different sounds and can "talk" to other elephants miles away using special low sounds!
- 10 Elephants can paint pictures with paintbrushes, recognize themselves in mirrors, and detect rainstorms from 150 miles away!



## Learning Activities

### A. Fill in the Blanks

Complete these sentences with the correct words:

1. An elephant's \_\_\_\_\_ has about \_\_\_\_\_ muscles in it.
2. Baby elephants stay in their mother's belly for \_\_\_\_\_ months before being born.
3. A newborn baby elephant weighs as much as a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. An adult elephant can weigh as much as \_\_\_\_\_ cars put together.
5. Elephants can recognize themselves in \_\_\_\_\_, showing how smart they are.



**Word Bank:** trunk, 22, refrigerator, 40,000, seven, mirrors, 70, matriarch

### B. True or False

Circle **T** for True or **F** for False:

**T / F**

Elephants only sleep for 2-4 hours per day.

**T / F**

Baby elephants can use their trunks perfectly right after they're born.

**T / F**

Elephants are one of the few animals that cannot jump

**T / F**

Elephant herds are led by the youngest male elephant.

**T / F**

Elephants can communicate by sending vibrations through the ground with their feet.

## C. Multiple Choice

Circle the correct answer:

**1. How many different types of elephants are alive today?**

- a) Two
- b) Three
- c) Four
- d) Five

**2. How much water does an adult elephant drink per day?**

- a) 10 gallons
- b) 25 gallons
- c) 50 gallons
- d) 100 gallons

**3. What is a baby elephant called?**

- a) A cub
- b) A joey
- c) A calf
- d) A pup

**4. How long are an elephant's eyelashes?**

- a) 2 inches
- b) 3 inches
- c) 5 inches
- d) 8 inches

**5. From how far away can elephants detect rainstorms?**


- a) 50 miles
- b) 100 mile
- c) 150 miles
- d) 200 miles



## Draw and Label

What do elephants look like? Draw one and label its important parts:

A large rectangular area defined by a dashed teal border, intended for drawing an elephant.

 **Parts to label:** Trunk, Ears, Tusks, Tail, Feet, Eyes



## Answer Key

### Section A - Fill in the Blanks:

1. trunk, 40,000
2. 22
3. refrigerator
4. seven
5. mirrors

### Section B - True or False:

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True

### Section C - Multiple Choice:

1. b) Three
2. c) 50 gallons
3. c) A calf
4. c) 5 inches
5. c) 150 miles

### Draw and Label Guide:

Students should label: Trunk,  
Ears, Tusks, Tail, Feet, Eyes

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