



Let's build our schema about

ELEPHANTS

SCHEMA NOTES

Complete this notebook page as we learn about elephants in Class Connect today!



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Listen to the presentation and complete this page during Class Connect today!

1. Elephants are the largest _____ on Earth. They have characteristic long trunks, large, _____ ears, and wide, thick legs.
2. There are two species of elephant: the _____ elephant and the _____ elephant.
3. Elephants are: CARNIVORES HERBIVORES OMNIVORES
4. According to National Geographic, an adult can eat _____ lbs. of food in a day.
5. A group of elephants is called a "_____".
6. The herd is led by a matriarch, which is the oldest _____.
7. Female elephants are called _____. Male elephants are called _____. A baby elephant is called a _____.
8. Whenever you see an adult elephant all alone, you can safely bet it is an adult _____.
9. An elephant pregnancy lasts for _____ months, the longest gestation period of any _____.
10. Elephants live _____ to _____ years in the wild.
11. The _____ is an elephant's most versatile tool, used for breathing, smelling, touching, grasping, and producing _____.
12. Elephants have the biggest _____ any land _____.





Elephants are the largest land animals on Earth. They have characteristic long trunks, large, floppy ears, and wide, thick legs.



There are two species of elephant. The **Asian** elephant and the **African** elephant live on separate continents and have many unique features.

AFRICAN ELEPHANT

ASIAN ELEPHANT

What are the differences?



EARS: Large, "Africa-shaped" ear
TRUNK TIP: Two "fingers" for grasping
HEAD: Single dome
HEIGHT (*tallest at shoulder*): 9 – 13'
WEIGHT: 8,800 – 15,400 lbs.

EARS: Small, rounded ear
TRUNK TIP: One "finger" for grasping
HEAD: Twin dome
HEIGHT (*tallest at back*): 6.5 – 9'
WEIGHT: 6,600 – 13,200 lbs.

African elephants live in sub-Saharan Africa, the rain forests of Central and West Africa and the Sahel desert in Mali.

Asian elephants live in Nepal, India and Southeast Asia in scrub forests and rain forests.



Elephants eat grasses,
roots, fruit and bark. They
use their tusks to pull the
bark from trees and dig
roots out of the ground.



carnivore
✓ herbivore
omnivore



An elephant has an appetite that matches its size. according to National Geographic, an adult can eat 300 lbs. of food in a day.





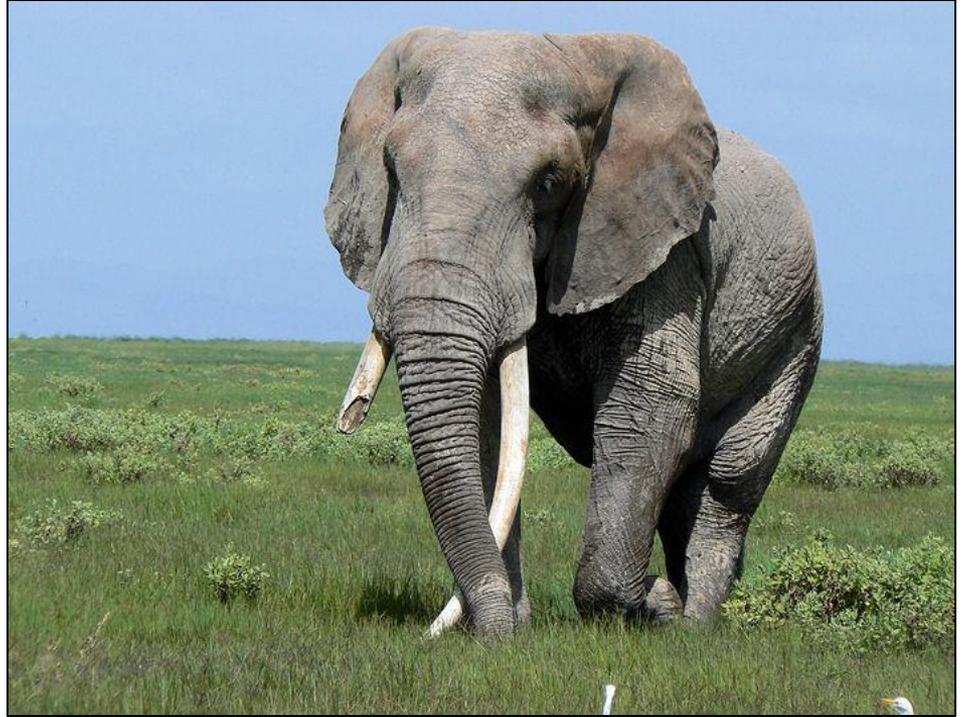
A group of elephants is called a “**herd**.”

The herd is led by a matriarch, which is the oldest female.

Females, as well as young and old elephants, stick together in a herd. Female elephants are called **cows**.

Male elephants are called **bulls**.

Bulls tend to wander on their own. In the wild, whenever you see an adult elephant all alone, you can safely bet it is an adult male.





An elephant pregnancy lasts for 22 months (almost 2 years), the longest gestation period of any mammal.

A baby elephant is called a **calf**. As the calf grows, it will gain 2 to 3 lbs. every day until its first birthday. By the time they are 2 or 3 years old, male calves will wander off on their own, while females will stay with their mothers.





Elephants live 30 to 50 years in the wild.

A fusion of the nose and upper lip, the trunk is an elephant's most versatile tool, used for breathing, smelling, touching, grasping, and producing sound. It's probably the most amazing body part in the animal kingdom!



Elephants are the only animals that can snorkel without aid. By holding the tips of their trunks above the water's surface, elephants can traverse rivers totally submerged. They simply walk across the riverbed!





Speaking of water, did you know that elephants can swim? In fact, they are excellent swimmers! Their massive bodies, very surprisingly, give them enough buoyancy to float.

A few more facts...

- ♥ Elephant trunks can lift up to 770 pounds!
- ♥ Elephants have the biggest brain of any land animal and their head can weigh as much as a car.
- ♥ Elephants are very emotional. They cry when they are upset and squeak and trumpet when they are happy.
- ♥ In the wild, a mother elephant has help with the babies from other elephants, who are known as aunties. A new mother will choose her aunties and together they will raise the baby.