

1.15 Information about elephants

Topic: Animals

Subtopic: Mammals

Activity type/skill: Organising information

Literacy focus: Reading

Genre: Information reports

Objective

- Recognise the structure of an information report in an alternative text.
- Recognise the relationship of illustrations to text.

What you need

- Student worksheet (see next page)
- Scissors, glue, paper

What to do

1. Read through the text on the student worksheet together.
2. Have students work in small groups or pairs. Ask each group/pair to cut up one copy of the text and one set of pictures and then assemble them on a poster so they make sense.
3. Compare answers.

Extending the activity

- Have students work on another set of text and pictures. See if they can do it more quickly!

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What do they look like?

Female elephants produce one baby at a time.
The babies develop inside their mothers' bodies for nearly two years.
Baby elephants are born with hair. The hair falls out as they grow.

Where do they live?

Elephants use their trunks to breathe and smell.
They also use them to get water and food. Elephants eat grass, fruit, leaves and branches.
They need a lot of food to get enough energy for their big bodies.

Most elephants are grey. Their bodies are covered with thick skin. They have very big ears, tusks and trunks. They have thick strong legs and wide round feet to carry their heavy bodies. Adult elephants weigh about 7,500 kilograms and are three to four metres tall.

What else do they do?

Elephants

Elephants live in family groups called herds. All the females in the herd help to look after the young elephants.

Elephants are the biggest land mammals.

Elephants live in grasslands and forests in Africa and Asia.

What do they eat?

Elephants live for about 70 years.

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