

Lesson 1

In this lesson the children will learn facts about the endangered African elephant.

They will be asked to do the short activity drawing and labelling an elephant.



Every year Burlington
Infants try to help
look after animals that
are critically
endangered.

The WWF is a charity
that helps these
animals.



It's sad but all these animals are endangered. There are many reasons why these animals are in danger. This week we will learn more about one of these animals.

Which animal will it
be?



This animal likes to live in a large group.

They are very large.

They have a good memory.

They are grey.

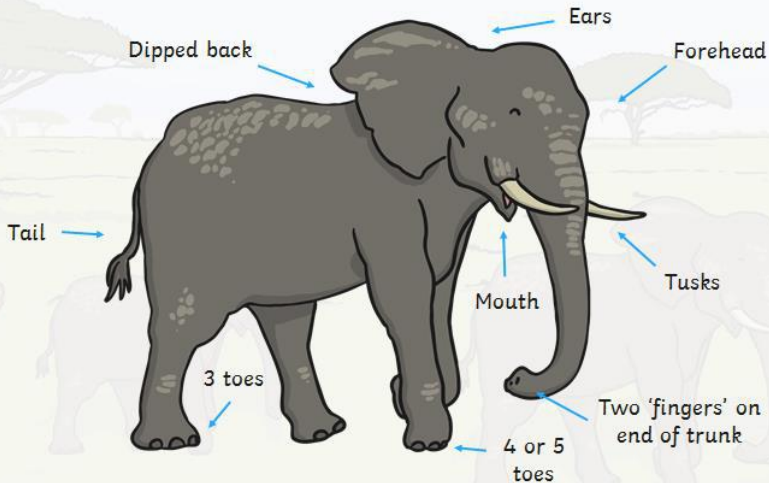
This week we are learning about the **African Elephant**.

It is the largest land animal in the world. A male elephant, called a **bull**, can grow to be 3 metres tall!



Elephants live in **herds**, but male elephants leave the herd when they get too old and live by themselves.

Parts of an elephant



An Elephant's Trunk

An adult African elephant's nose is about 2 metres long. It is used for touching and grasping as well as smelling.

To keep cool, elephants spray water and dust on themselves with their trunks. It looks a bit like they are having a shower

If you look a little closer at an African elephant's trunk, you can see that it has 2 'fingers' on the end of it to pick things like leaves off the ground and trees.

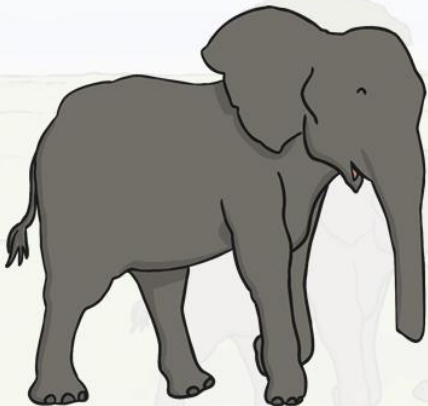


An Elephant's Trunk

An elephant will raise its trunk in the air when it smells something interesting.

Trunks are used for making loud noises to roar as a warning and to show affection by wrapping them around another elephant's trunk.

Baby elephants suck their trunks as a sign of comfort just like humans suck their thumbs!



Food and Drink

When an elephant drinks, it can suck up to 9 litres of water up into its trunk which it then curls up and releases in to its mouth



They eat leaves, grass, roots and bits of tree bark.

An elephant can eat up to 135kg of food a day!



The numbers living in the wild are falling.

- Their habitat is being destroyed so they do not have enough space.
- People hunt and kill them for their ivory tusks.



These are tusks
from an elephant.

People can carve ivory
to make beautiful
objects but this is
illegal because people
would rather see a
beautiful elephant in
the wild than have an
object.

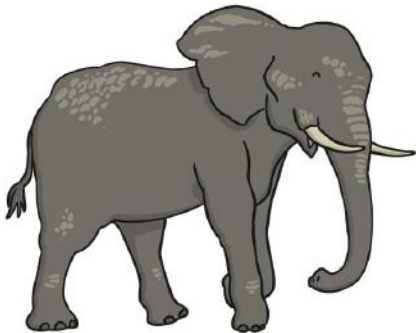


<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b01cbn46/andys-wild-adventures-series-1-2-elephants>



You might want to watch Andy's programme about elephants.

Can you draw an elephant?
Can you label it and write interesting
facts you have found out?



Lesson 2

In this lesson the children will learn what an acrostic poem is and create their own poem about an animal.

The children can choose an animal from our story - The Journey Home or an animal of their own.

This is an
acrostic
poem.


What do you
notice?

It's my favourite food
Cold as the inside of a fridge
Every sunny day

Can't wait
Running to the van
Empy out the money
'Any sauce on that, love?
Mmmmmm, yummy!



The first letter
of each line
spells out the
poem's theme
vertically –
what's this one
about?



It's my favourite food
Cold as the inside of a fridge
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Mmmmmm, yummy!

I am going to write an acrostic poem about elephants.

Step 1 - Let's think of words and phrases about elephants.

enormous herds Africa savannah

trunk ears babies adults large

fingers water food mud

Step 2 - Let's write the word elephant in capitals in a vertical line. Like this -

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Now I need to think of each line. I might go back and look at my list to help me.

Here's my first poem...



Elephants walking across the hot, dusty savannah.

Little, baby calves skip and run to keep up with the herd.

Everyone in the herd looks after each other.

Playful babies roll in the brown, dusty mud.

Huge, powerful elephants splash in the water to keep cool.

A mother elephant showers her baby with cold, sparkly water.

Noisy trumpeting elephants greet each other.

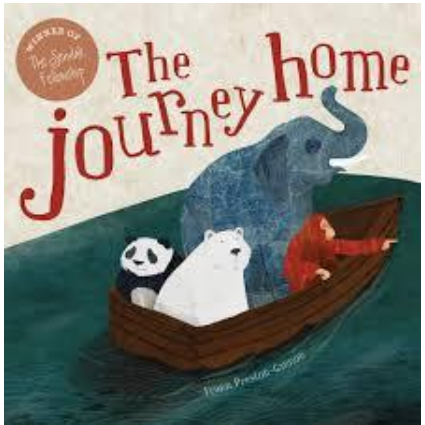
Too many are hunted for their beautiful, ivory tusks.

Phew! That was hard. Did you notice the expanded noun phrases?

Can you write an
acrostic poem?

You can choose an
animal from the
story or an animal
of your choice.

Good luck!!!





We know how lots of
you love art and craft.
There are lots of
things you could do.
Here are some ideas.



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