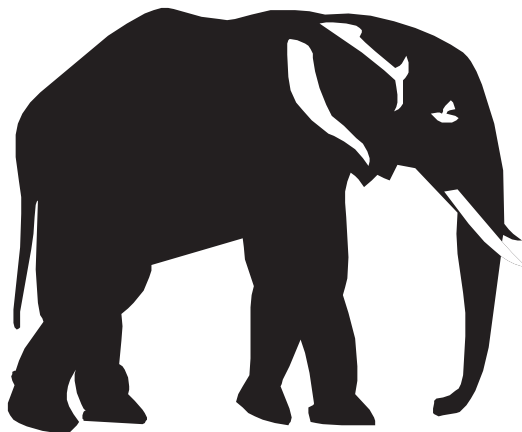




SOLO Wildlife

Elephant



Would a male African elephant fit under your ceiling? What about the male Asian elephant, would he fit? The two female elephants are about the same height, but the males are quite different. What might be some of the reasons for this?

Compare the habitats and environments in which both the African and Asian elephants live. Build a diorama for each one using the information in the book.

The male African elephant weighs over 6000 kilograms. How many tonnes is that? Do you know of anything else that is as heavy as this elephant? How many times heavier than you is an African elephant? You might need a calculator to work this out!

The elephant can reach up to a height of nearly six metres. How high can you reach? Who can reach up the highest in your group/class? How did you measure this?

List the facts that seem to show that elephants care about other elephants in their group.

List the ways elephants affect their environment. Are these effects positive or negative?

An elephant might drink 180 litres of water each day. Find a way to measure how much water you drink in a day. How many days would it take for you to drink 180 litres? A baby elephant drinks about 12 litres of milk each day. How much milk do you drink in a day?

Look around your classroom/playground/school and see if you can find any arches. Where were they? What type of weight are they supporting?

Try walking up a slope on tiptoe. How did that feel? Now try walking down the slope on tiptoe. How did that feel? Why might an elephant fall over going down a slope?

Look at the soles of your footwear. Record the pattern on them.

Get a large sheet of paper. Draw and cut out a true-size African elephant's ear. Write some facts about elephants' ears and skin on it. Display it in your classroom. Do the same for the trunk and/or the tusks.

