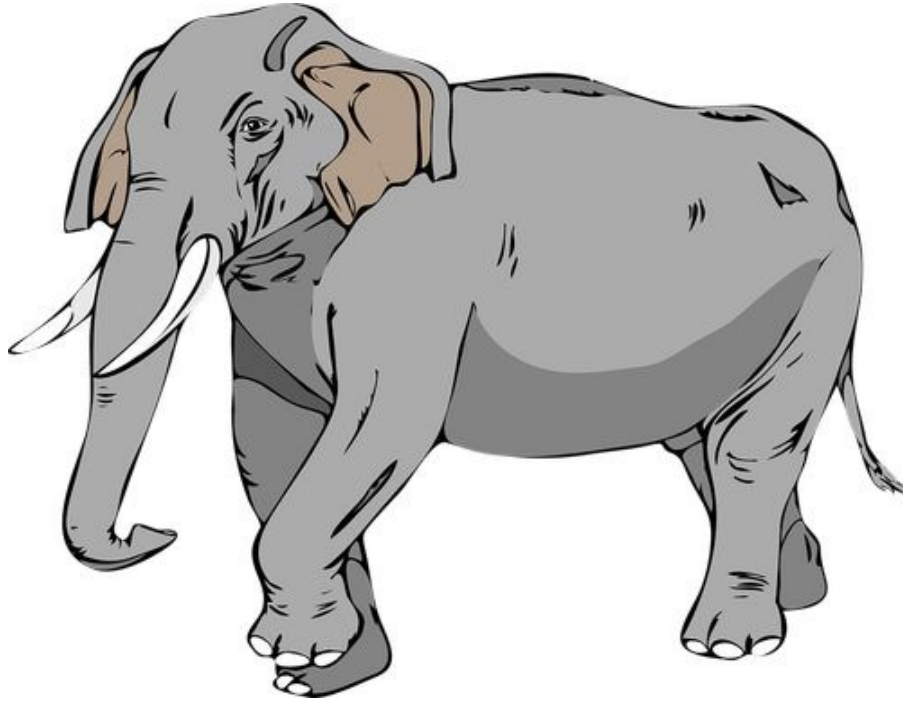


An Elephant's Excellent Trunk

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Everything about an elephant is big. It has big ears. It has big eyes and big tusks. It can weigh as much as a school bus!

An elephant also has a long trunk. It uses its trunk to breathe and to smell. It uses its trunk to find leaves and fruits to eat. An elephant can shower itself with its trunk. It sucks up water and sprays its back.

A mother elephant can hold her baby close with her trunk. She can even use her trunk to help lift her baby or move it away from trouble. For example, she might use her trunk to save her baby from getting stuck in mud!

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1. What elephant body part is most of this passage about?

- A. ears
- B. trunk
- C. eyes

2. How are elephants described at the beginning of this passage?

- A. Everything about an elephant is big.
- B. Elephants are small animals.
- C. Some elephants live in a zoo.

3. What is an elephant doing when an elephant sucks up water and sprays its back?

- A. showering or cleaning itself
- B. drinking
- C. cooling itself off

4. What is "An Elephant's Excellent Trunk" mostly about?

- A. an elephant's body parts
- B. what elephants can do with their trunks
- C. how an elephant washes itself

5. What can an elephant use its trunk for?

6. What did you learn from "An Elephant's Excellent Trunk"?

7. Class Discussion Question: Discuss as a class all of the things that elephants can do with their trunk. Then discuss which body parts you use to do the same things. For example, an elephant uses its trunk to breathe and smell. We use our nose (and mouth) to breathe and smell. As a challenge, try to decide what human body part an elephant trunk is most similar to. Be sure to support your idea with information from the text.

8. Draw a picture of an elephant using its trunk.