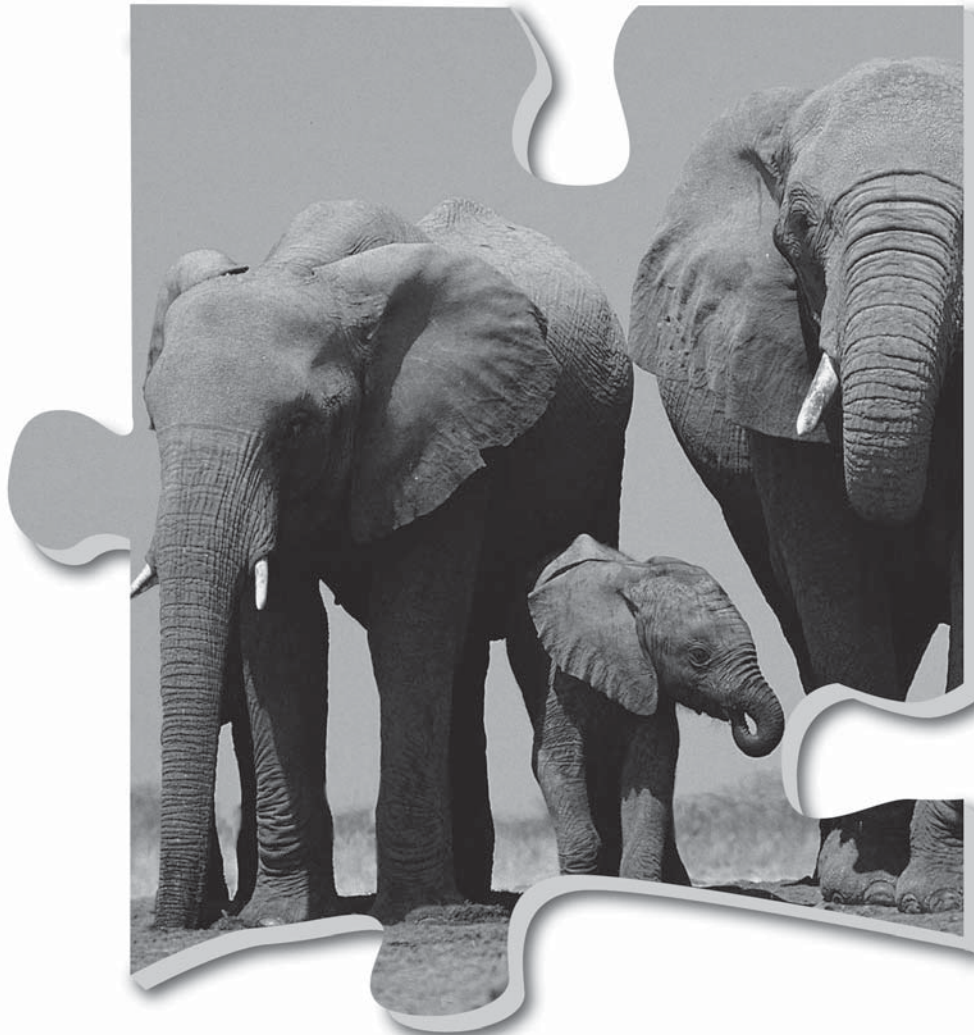




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ELEPHANTS



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Objectives

The student in grades K-2 will:

- Become familiar with the physical characteristics of elephants
- Learn how elephants adapt to their environment
- Be introduced to the behavior of elephants and their offspring

Synopsis

Through live-action footage, students observe wild elephants in Africa. Clips from Disney animated films such as *Dumbo* and *The Jungle Book* further illustrate key facts about these “large, warm, gentle creatures.” Students learn about matriarchal elephant herds and lone males, how elephants protect one another, and how they use their trunks and tusks. Two short, fun quizzes help students focus on what they’ve learned.

Preview Questions

1. What do you know about elephants? What special body parts do they have, and what do they use them for? In what parts of the world do you think elephants live? Do they eat meat or plants?
2. In an elephant family, which do you think is the boss, the male or the female?

Suggested Activities

1. Play a recording of a song such as “Baby Elephant Walk” by Henry Mancini or “Pink Elephants on Parade” from Disney’s *Dumbo* (music by Frank Churchill, lyrics by Ned Washington). Have students move to the music as if they were elephants. To simulate trunks, they can hang their arms down in front of them with their hands clasped.

2. On the board or chart paper, print the word
 E L E P H A N T vertically,
 in capital letters. Then use
 student suggestions to write
 a poem such as the following:

Elephant—
Legs like tree trunks
Ears like giant fans
Playful babies spray water
Herds of moms and grandmas
Aunts but no uncles
Needs hundreds of pounds of food each day
Trunk can pick up a peanut or pull up a tree

Subject:
Science

Running Time:
16 minutes



3. Point out that elephants are plant eaters, or herbivores. Work with students to brainstorm a list of herbivores such as cows, zebras, and kangaroos. List their suggestions on the board. Then use the list to play the following “Mystery Plant Eater” guessing game: One player is “it.” He or she chooses an herbivore from the list and gives the other players clues until they guess the mystery plant eater. For example, “I keep my baby in my pocket. Which plant eater am I?” The first player to guess the answer gets to be “it” next.
4. Students might enjoy making elephant finger puppets. Their fingers can act as elephant trunks. Provide construction paper, scissors, and colored markers. You can create your own template or print one out from <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/puppets/twofinger/Elephanttemplate.shtml>
5. Read students a book with elephant characters, such as Arnold Lobel’s *Uncle Elephant* or one of the *Babar* books by Jean or Laurent de Brunoff. Have students draw a picture of their favorite scene and write or dictate a caption to go with it.

On the DVD

Scene Selection

The program on this DVD is divided into 5 chapters. This allows the user to enter at different points in the program.

- Chapter 1: Gentle Giants
- Chapter 2: Quiz Time 1
- Chapter 3: Charge!
- Chapter 4: Quiz Time 2
- Chapter 5: Tusks & Trunks

DVD Activities

These classroom activities, found on the DVD, include relevant short scenes from the program.

Mighty Teeth

Elephants need strong teeth to chew thorny bushes. How do other animals use their teeth as tools? Consider tigers, beavers, cows and others. Make a list of fun facts. If you like, illustrate one of the fun facts.

Make a Print

How are elephant ears like a fingerprint? Discuss what you know about fingerprints. Use the library or Internet to find out more. Use an ink pad and card stock to make your own fingerprint.



Additional Resources

Disney Educational Productions

<http://www.Edustation.Disney.com>

This award-winning site contains additional activities and resources for use with this DVD.

Kids' Turn Central: Elephant Resources

www.kidsturncentral.com/links/elephantlinks.htm

Links to web sites with information, photographs and books about elephants.

Wildlife Search: Elephant Information Links

www.wildlifesearch.com/elephant.htm

Various links to web sites about elephants.

Free Kids Coloring.com

www.freekidscoloring.com/animals/elephant/

Coloring pages of elephants.

