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Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Science (Biological Sciences)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the information report in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

1 What is the name for a group of elephants that live together?
2 What do elephants use their trunks for?
3 Which elephants are bigger, African elephants or Asian elephants?
4 Why do elephants roll in mud?

Inferential

5 Why do new calves stay close to their mothers?
6 Why would elephants splash water over their bodies?
7 Why would an elephant need to push a tree over to eat the leaves?
8 Why can't elephants live where people have cut down trees and planted crops?

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Elephants

Elephants are the biggest animals on land. They can be found in Africa and Asia.

Most elephants live in bush or on grasslands. Some live near rainforests.

Elephants that live together are called a **herd**.



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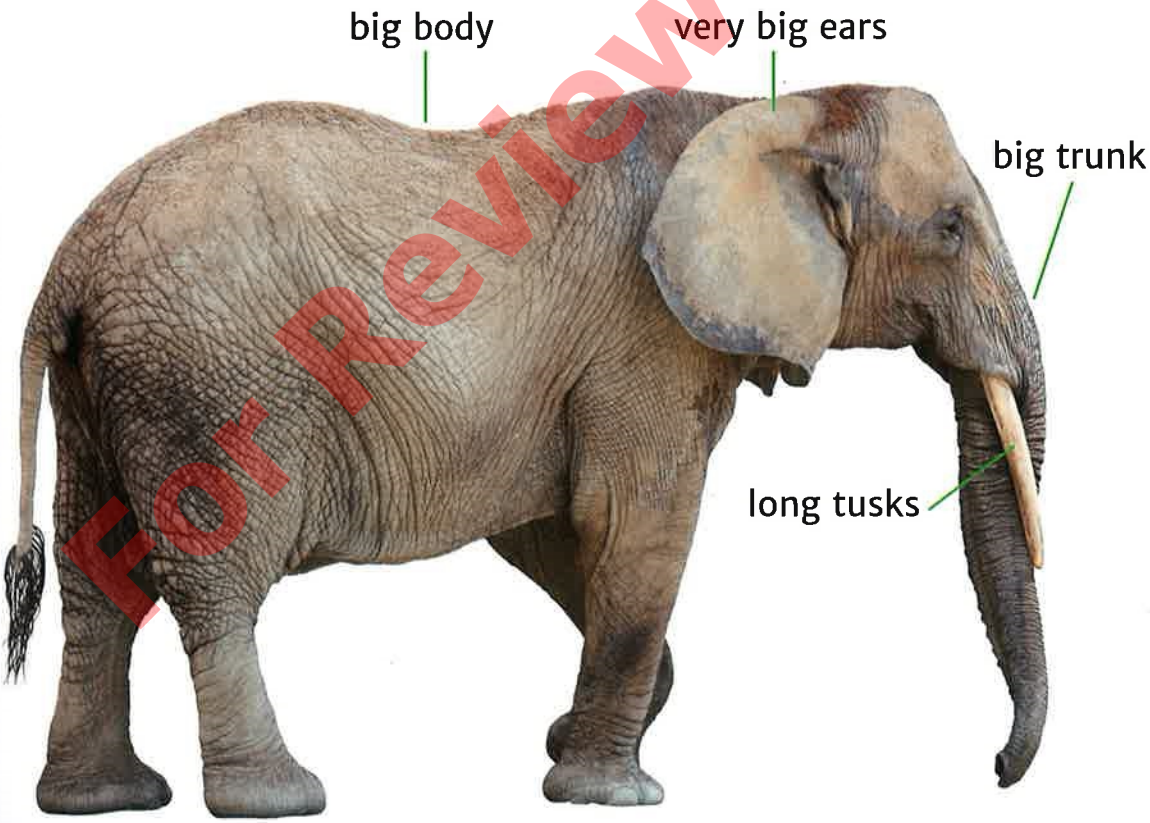
Elephants have trunks.
They use their trunks to smell, eat, drink
and pull down leaves and branches.

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African Elephants

African elephants are bigger than Asian elephants.

African elephants have very big ears and they all grow long **tusks**.

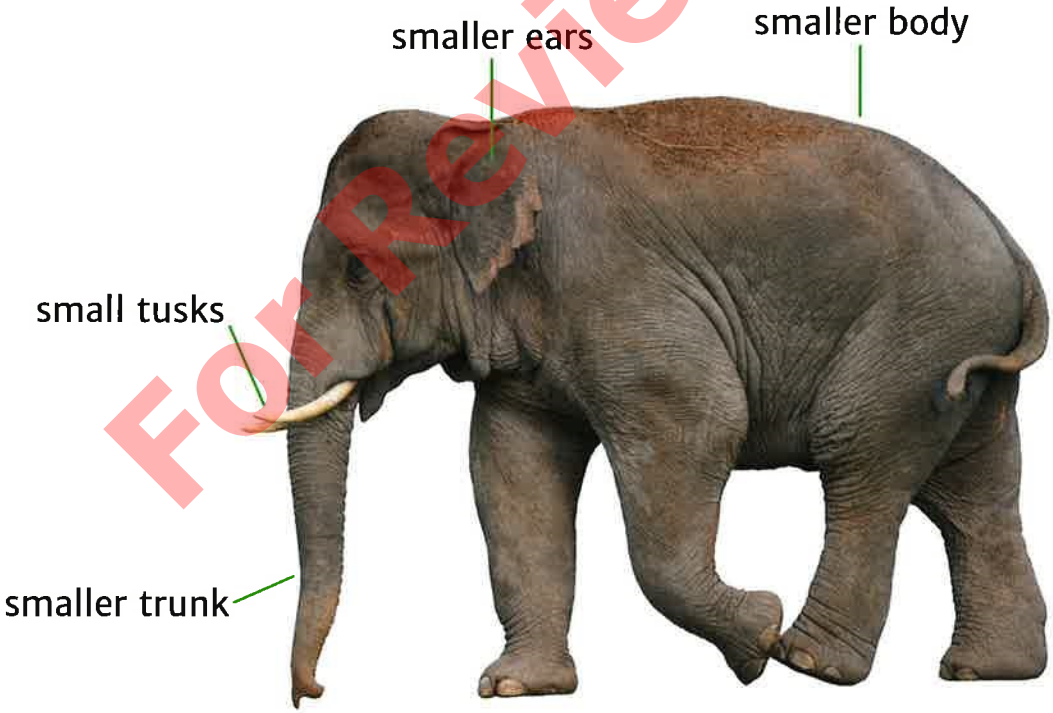


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Asian Elephants

Asian elephants are smaller
than African elephants.
Asian elephants have smaller ears, too.

Some Asian elephants have big tusks.
Others have small tusks,
or no tusks at all.



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Baby Elephants

A baby elephant is called a calf.

When a new calf is born,
other elephants in the herd come to look at it.
They feel it and smell it with their trunks.

The calf tries to stand up and walk
on the day it is born.



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A new calf stays close to its mother.
It stands up to drink its mother's milk.
It lifts its little trunk up,
out of the way,
and sucks with its mouth.



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