

Lead Meet the elephant – the largest land mammal living on the earth today! These amazing giants of the animal kingdom have a commanding appearance, inhabit a limited number of areas in the modern world, and demonstrate many fascinating behaviors. The elephant is an interesting and unusual animal. Thesis

Intro

topic sent Once you've seen an elephant you'll never forget the sight! These mammoth creatures stand between 10 – 13 feet tall. Some elephants have ivory tusks, which are actually oversized teeth that can measure up to 10 feet long. These massive four-legged beasts are also characterized by large floppy ears, a wispy tail, and a muscular, flexible trunk. Their trunks have an almost finger-like muscle on the ends for use in picking up objects, especially food. The pachyderm's (elephant's) thick, gray, leathery hide appears wrinkly, and is covered in sparse, yet coarse hair. The elephant has a look all its own! wrap sentence

specific facts/details

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t.s. Elephants are not found in many places world-wide. Unlike their prehistoric ancestor, the woolly mammoth, which was found everywhere except Australia and Antarctica, the elephant is now found only in India, Southeast Asia, and Africa. They can still thrive in jungles, in grasslands called savannas, and in the areas surrounding rivers. It is important that elephants have a huge supply of grass, leaves, and other vegetation in order not to starve; they eat almost 500 pounds of food a day! Therefore, the habitat and the range of the elephant are limited to environments in which these conditions are found. wrap

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t.s. If you could spend a day with an elephant in the wild, you'd be amazed at their many interesting behaviors! They use their trunks as tools to pluck fruit, grass, and leaves, and stuff them into their mouths. They also use their trunks as a built-in shower hose for bathing, and a blower for raising up sand and dust for the equivalent of a powdering! Even though elephants are huge, they walk with a gentle, quiet grace. But watch out! If an elephant charges, you'd have over seven tons of pachyderms heading toward you at up to twenty five miles an hour! These amazing creatures are strong swimmers as well. If they're not cooling off in a stream, lake, or river, you might see them on land, using their huge ears as fans! Elephants' behaviors are truly fascinating wrap

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If you ever visit a major zoo, or even a circus, be sure to be on the lookout for the incredible elephant! Recognizing their awesome appearance, knowing about their limited habitat and range, and understanding their interesting behavior will help you appreciate these majestic mammals. Without a doubt, elephants are unlike any other animal in the world! Clincher

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