

Elephant Fun Page

Learn about the fascinating world of elephants!

Elephants form deep family bonds and live in tight matriarchal family groups of related females called a herd. The herd is led by the oldest and often largest female in the herd, called a matriarch (matriarchal means that a female rules a family such as that of elephants). Herds consist of 8-100 individuals depending on terrain and family size. When a calf is born, it is raised and protected by the whole herd.

Elephants are extremely intelligent animals and have memories that span many years. It is this memory that serves matriarchs well during dry seasons when they need to guide their herds (sometimes for many kilometres), to water holes that they remember from the past.

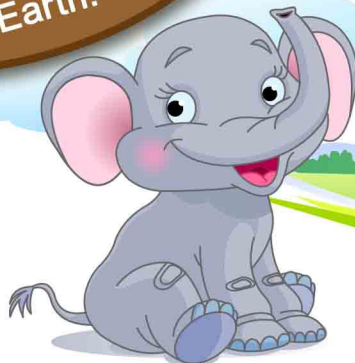
Elephants also display signs of grief, joy, anger and play.

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The elephant is the largest mammal on Earth.



What is interesting about elephant's ears?

Answer: They cool their body temperature by flapping their ears.



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