



Quick Check

Elephants: Giant Mammals

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Which of the following details supports the main idea of "Big Bodies, Big Brains"?
 - Ⓐ As herbivores, elephants eat a lot of plants.
 - Ⓑ Scientists consider elephants to be among the brightest animals.
 - Ⓒ Trunks are important for elephant communication.
 - Ⓓ Animal welfare activists fight to have zoo elephants moved to sanctuaries.
2. Which of the following is a fact about elephant families?
 - Ⓐ Male elephants are not as nice as female elephants.
 - Ⓑ In Africa, elephants live in hot, dry grasslands, rainforests, and even deserts.
 - Ⓒ Elephants have wonderful and loving family relationships.
 - Ⓓ Female elephants spend their entire lives in herds with related females and their young.
3. Which of the following words means *the act of killing a wild animal illegally*?
 - Ⓐ poaching
 - Ⓑ adapting
 - Ⓒ migrating
 - Ⓓ entwining

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4. What caused elephants to evolve so that African elephants have long tusks and Asian elephants have very small ones?
 - Ⓐ African elephants need to reach fruits that grow high in trees, but Asian elephants forage for food on the ground.
 - Ⓑ African elephants have many predators they need to fight, while Asian elephants are never hunted.
 - Ⓒ African elephants eat foods in Africa that make their tusks grow longer, but Asian elephants don't have that food in Asia.
 - Ⓓ African elephants need to dig water holes during times of drought, while Asian elephants find water fairly easily all year.
5. The conclusion shows that the author believes _____.
 - Ⓐ it is important to hunt elephants for their tusks and meat
 - Ⓑ elephants should be kept in zoos for study
 - Ⓒ it is important to protect elephants and their habitats
 - Ⓓ elephants are dangerous animals
6. **Extended Response:** Considering the main idea of each section, what is the main idea of the entire book? How do the section topics support this main idea? Why do you think it is important to learn about this main idea?



1. **(B)** *Main Idea and Details*
2. **(D)** *Fact or Opinion*
3. **(A)** *Vocabulary*
4. **(D)** *Cause and Effect*
5. **(C)** *Author's Point of View*
6. Answers will vary, but will start by identifying the main idea of the book along the following lines: elephants are the most enormous land animals on Earth, and they also have an impressive intelligence. This should be followed by a description of the main ideas of the sections and how they operate as details for the broader main idea of the book. Answers will conclude with the student's opinion on why it is important to learn about elephants.