



Quick Check

Elephants: Giant Mammals

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

1. Read this sentence: *Elephants are herbivores*. What is the meaning of the word **herbivores**?
 - Ⓐ animals that only eat plants
 - Ⓑ animals that don't eat plants or meat
 - Ⓒ animals that eat plants and meat
 - Ⓓ animals that only eat meat
2. The paragraphs under the section title "Exploring the Elephant" give details about _____.
 - Ⓐ an elephant's diet
 - Ⓑ places where elephants live
 - Ⓒ an elephant's body
 - Ⓓ how elephant families work
3. According to the diagram on page 6, what characteristic of the elephant's body classifies it as a mammal?
 - Ⓐ warm-blooded
 - Ⓑ big, round feet
 - Ⓒ useful, long trunk
 - Ⓓ thick skin
4. What is the main idea of the section "Elephant Hangouts"?
 - Ⓐ Without a doubt, elephants are the most gigantic land animals living on Earth today.
 - Ⓑ Elephants are adaptable enough to live in many different types of habitats.
 - Ⓒ Elephants are herbivores and therefore only eat plants, but other than that, they aren't picky.
 - Ⓓ The two main species of elephants are African and Asian.
5. What is the author's purpose for writing this book?
 - Ⓐ to entertain readers with elephant jokes
 - Ⓑ to inform readers about Asia
 - Ⓒ to persuade readers to buy an elephant
 - Ⓓ to inform readers about elephants

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6. **Extended Response:** Describe the differences and similarities between African and Asian elephants. Then compare and contrast the elephant with an animal of your choice.



1. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
2. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
4. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
6. Answers will vary, but should offer a comparison of African and Asian elephants, pointing out both differences and similarities. For example, answers could refer to the difference in size, the difference in ear shape and the tips of their trunks, along with similarities such as their four legs and similar coloring and trunks. Answers will conclude by comparing and contrasting the elephant with a different animal.