

Fact File - Elephants

Classification

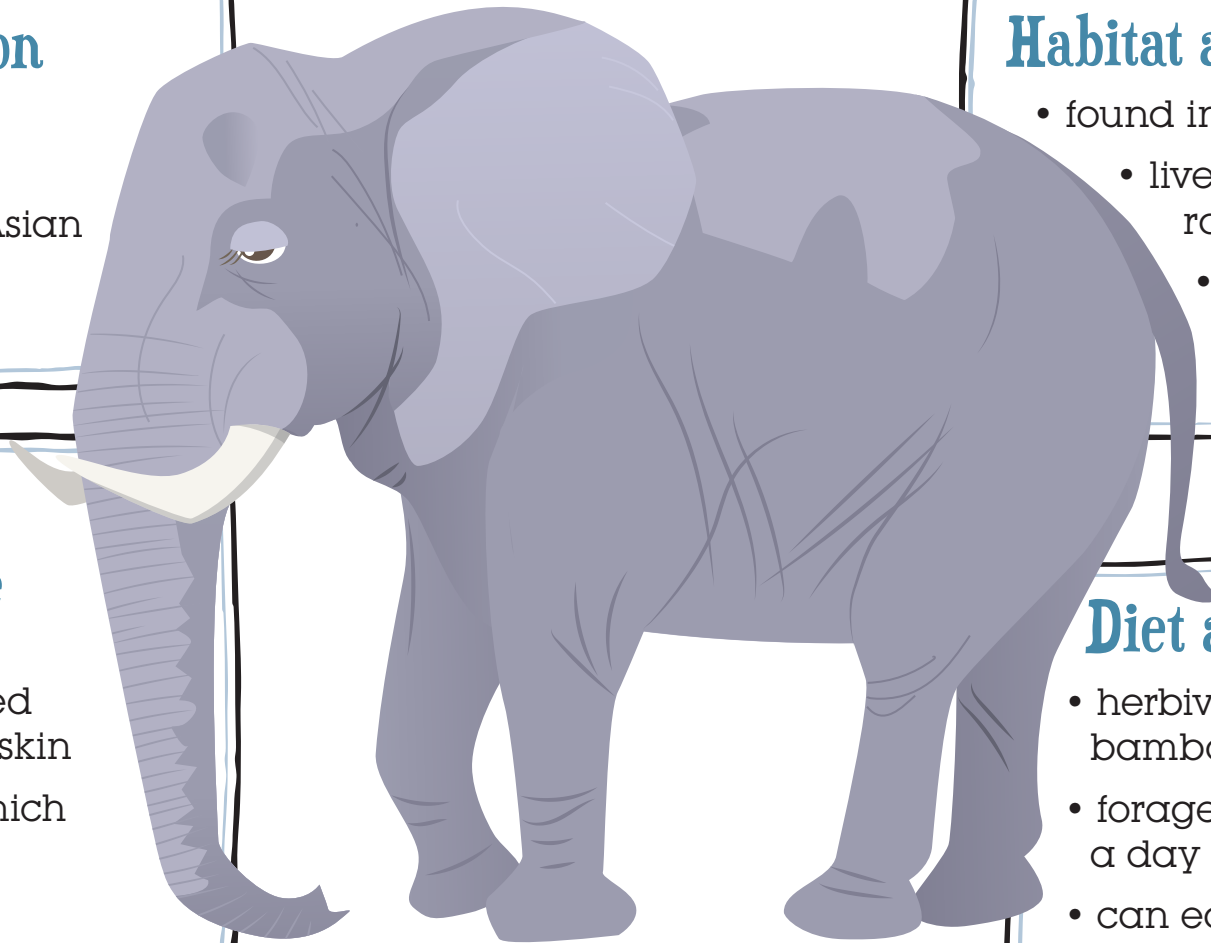
- mammals
- two species – African and Asian
- lifespan of 50-70 years

Habitat and Lifestyle

- found in Africa and Asia
- live in grasslands, rainforests and deserts
- stay in groups called herds, led by the oldest female

Size and Appearance

- large, bulky bodies covered in thick, grey skin
- large ears which help regulate temperature
- long trunks, used for lifting objects



Diet and Eating Habits

- herbivores – eat leaves, twigs, bamboo and roots
- forage for around 16 hours a day
- can eat 150 kg (300 lb) of food per day

Fact File - Eagles

Classification

- birds
- more than 60 different species
- lifespan of 20-25 years

Size and Appearance

- brown and white feathers
- large wingspan of around 2 m (6.5 ft)
- sharp beak and talons

Habitat and Lifestyle

- found worldwide, except New Zealand and Antarctica
- live in mature trees in wetland areas
- solitary birds

Diet and Eating Habits

- carnivores – eat fish, smaller birds and rodents
- crush prey with their sharp talons
- need 500 g (1 lb) of food per day



Fact File - Cars

Classification

- a type of vehicle
- a mode of transport
- come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colours

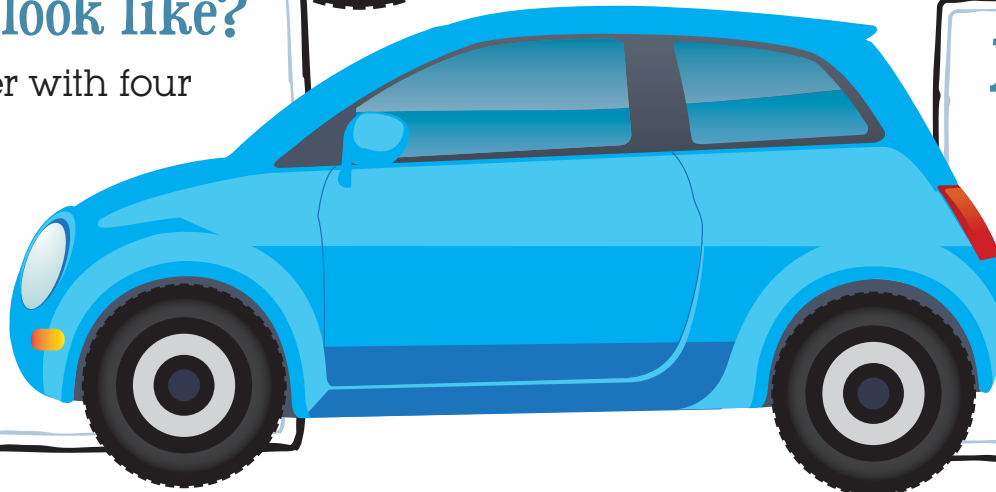


How do they work?

- engine makes the wheels turn
- accelerator to go faster, brake to go slower
- steering wheel for changing directions

What do they look like?

- a metal container with four wheels
- doors, windows and a windscreen
- seats for passengers



How valuable are they?

- standard cars cost around \$30 000
- some luxury cars cost millions of dollars
- value usually goes down over time

Fact File - Gemstones

Classification

- a type of precious stone
- usually a mineral that has crystallised
- come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colours

What are they used for?

- jewellery such as rings, necklaces and earrings
- protective amulets and good luck charms
- creating positive energy

What do they look like?

- structure made of crystals
- can be transparent, translucent or opaque
- contain inclusions (pockets of other materials trapped inside)

How valuable are they?

- valued according to their weight, measured in 'carats'
- price per carat varies according to the gemstone
- the more perfect the stone, the more valuable it is



Fact File - Doctors

Who are they?

- a type of healthcare worker
- includes general practitioners, specialists and surgeons
- men and women who have studied medicine at university

What equipment do they use?

- stethoscope, to listen to the heart
- otoscope, to look in the ears
- pressure cuff, to measure blood pressure

What do they do?

- treat injuries and illnesses with medicines
- perform operations
- tell people how to stay healthy

What skills do they have?

- knowledgeable about the human body
- show attention to detail
- good communication skills



Fact File - Fire Fighter

Who are they?

- a type of emergency worker
- some are volunteers, some are paid workers
- men and woman over the age of 18 who have completed special training

What equipment do they use?

- wear fire-resistant clothing, boots and helmets
- carry oxygen tanks and masks
- drive fire engines equipped with water hoses

What do they do?

- fight fires and prevent future fires
- help at motor vehicle accidents
- save people and animals in danger

What skills do they have?

- strong with good coordination
- quick-decision makers with good judgement
- able to cooperate with other people

