

# Elephants

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Elephants are the largest land mammals in the world. There are three types of elephant: African savanna elephants, African forest elephants and Asian elephants. Elephants have trunks, which they use for smelling, breathing, making sounds, squirting water and picking things up.



## Habitat

African elephants can be found in different parts of central, west, east and south Africa: in deserts, savannas (grasslands) and rainforests.

Asian elephants live on grasslands and in the forests of India and south-east Asia.

## Diet

Elephants are herbivores and eat grass, leaves, roots, flowers, fruits and bark.

They need so much food that they can spend most of their day eating.



## Fun Facts

- Elephants can use their trunks as snorkels.
- Elephants sometimes suck their trunks when they feel nervous.
- Female elephants live in groups with their young. Male elephants usually live on their own.



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## Key vocabulary

mammal      habitat      herbivore      young