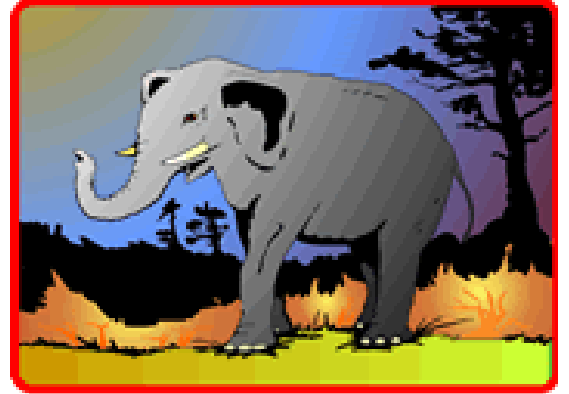

African Elephant

The African elephant is the largest land animal in the world. Their lifespan is between 60-70 years.

Habitat – Elephants live in the grasslands and forests of Africa and Asia.



Size – Elephants are 3 metres tall and weigh up to 6000 kilos or 6.6 tons. The tail is 1-1.3 metres long!

Appearance – Elephants have very thick, wrinkled grey - brown skin. The African elephant has ears up to 1.5 metres long, large pointed ivory tusks (teeth) and long trunks.

Diet – Elephants are herbivores (plant eaters). They eat grasses, leaves, shoots, fruit and bamboo. They use their long trunk to pick up food from the ground and to drink water.

Young - The female elephant gives birth to a single calf. The female is pregnant for nearly two years.

Interesting facts –

- The elephant uses its teeth to grind up vegetation. An elephant has six sets of teeth during its lifetime and dies of starvation when the last set wears out.
- On average, an elephant can hear another elephant's call at 4 km (2.5 miles) away. Under ideal conditions, their range of hearing can be increased to 10 km (6.2 miles).