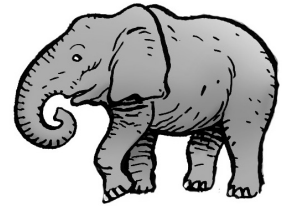


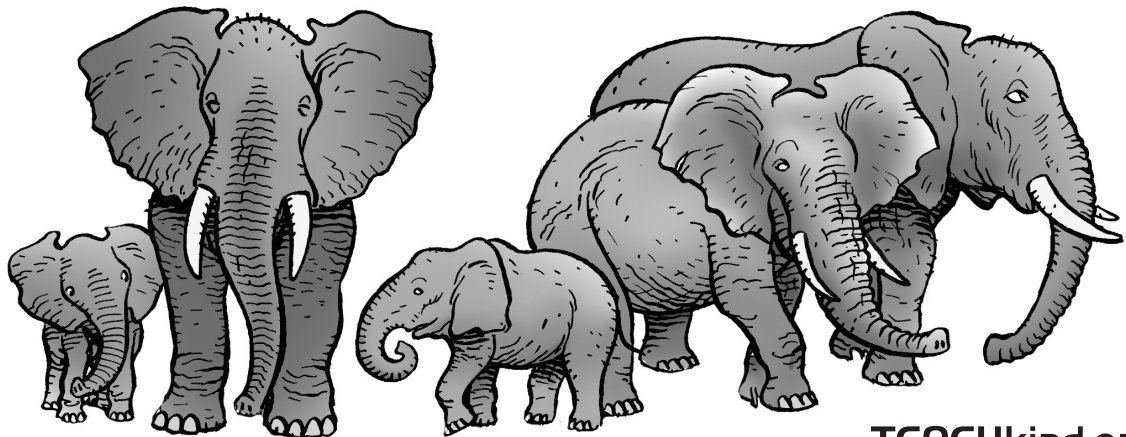
AN ELEPHANT'S LIFE

Amazing Facts



1. Elephants live together in family groups called herds. T or F?
2. When elephants die, their families will moan, cry, and bury them under branches, grass, and earth. T or F?
3. Elephants use more than 50 calls to communicate with each other. T or F?
4. Elephants have the largest brains of any mammal. T or F?
5. Elephants know how to use plants and minerals to keep themselves healthy. T or F?
6. A female elephant can stay with her mother for her entire life. T or F?
7. Baby elephants are often captured in the wild to sell to circuses. T or F?
8. Elephants love vegetation, but at the circus, they are often fed dried hay and grain. T or F?
9. In the wild, elephants walk up to 25 miles a day, but in circuses they are kept in chains for long periods of time. T or F?
10. In the circus, elephants are trained or punished using sharp, pointed hooks or whips. T or F?

Answers: all true!



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Discussion and Reading Questions

1. Which character in the comic book did you most relate to? Explain what you liked about this character and why he or she appealed to you.
2. In the comic, where did the elephants seem happiest, and why?
3. Imagine being a baby elephant with a loving family. How would you feel being taken far away from those you love?
4. List some of the types of cruelty that Daisy experienced and other circus elephants experience daily.
5. Elephants seem like very tough-skinned animals, but being hit or whipped is very painful for them. Why do you think that is?
6. What does the word "captive" mean? Why have some towns banned circuses with captive animals?
7. How long do elephants live in the wild? How long do they live in captivity? Explain why you think an elephant's life span is shorter in captivity.
8. Where did Daisy end up living for the rest of her life after being rescued?
9. What are some of the ways in which you can help "break the chains" of circus elephants like Daisy?
10. Write a story about an animal rescue (such as Daisy's) in which you play a major role.

