My Elephant Fact File

Read the elephant fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw an elephant

Elephant facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. trunk ____	A. a family group of elephants that lives together
2. tusk ____	B. the oldest female who leads an elephant family
3. matriarch ____	C. a very long front tooth made of ivory
4. herbivore ____	D. an animal that eats only plants
5. herd ____	E. an elephant's long nose and upper lip, used like a hand

The most amazing thing I learned about elephants

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Answer Key

Elephant Fact File

Elephant facts

Scientific name:	Savanna: Loxodonta africana
Size:	Up to about 13 ft (4 m) at shoulder
Weight:	Most 2–6.5 tons; up to ~9 tons
Lifespan:	Often 50–70 years in the wild
Diet:	Grass, leaves, bark, roots, fruit
Habitat:	Savannas, forests, grasslands
Where:	Africa and South and Southeast Asia
Status:	IUCN: EN savanna/Asian, CR forest

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–E, 2–C, 3–B, 4–D, 5–A

Wow facts to share

- An elephant's trunk has about 150,000 muscle units.
- Elephant mothers are pregnant for about 22 months.
- Elephants can hear low rumbles from other elephants 2 miles away.