

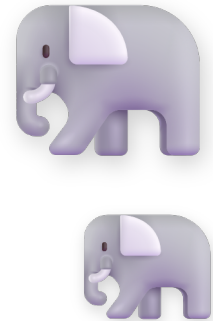


Read the animal report. Then classify each statement as **FACT** or **OPINION** — and explain your reasoning.

Scientific facts: measurements, classifications, behaviours confirmed by research. Opinions: what researchers, guides, or writers believe about an animal.

## The Majestic Elephant

Elephants are the largest land animals on Earth. African elephants can weigh over 6,000 kilograms and stand up to 4 meters tall. They are herbivores, meaning they eat only plants, consuming up to 150 kg of vegetation daily. Elephants live in complex social groups, often led by an older female called a matriarch. These groups can include several related females and their offspring.



Wildlife expert Dr. Lena Schmidt, who has studied elephants for twenty years in Tanzania, states, "Elephants are, without a doubt, the most intelligent creatures in the animal kingdom." Her research indicates that elephants communicate using a variety of sounds, including low-frequency rumbles that humans cannot hear. They also show remarkable memory, remembering water sources and migration routes for decades.

A recent study published in "Nature Wildlife Journal" reported that elephant populations in some regions have declined by 30% over the last decade due to habitat loss and poaching. Conservationists agree that protecting elephant habitats is crucial. Dr. Schmidt believes, "Every effort should be made to stop poaching, as it is the most terrible threat to these magnificent animals."

Many people find watching elephants in their natural habitat to be a truly unforgettable experience. Their gentle giants are a vital part of the ecosystem, helping to spread seeds



and create pathways through dense forests. It is clear that elephants play an important role in maintaining biodiversity across the savannas and forests they inhabit.

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**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

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- (1) "African elephants can weigh over 6,000 kilograms." Is this a **FACT** or **OPINION**? Circle the correct answer. 🐘
- (A) Fact     (B) Opinion
- (2) "Elephants are, without a doubt, the most intelligent creatures in the animal kingdom." Is this a **FACT** or **OPINION**? Circle the correct answer. 🧠
- (A) Fact     (B) Opinion
- (3) "Elephant populations in some regions have declined by 30% over the last decade." Is this a **FACT** or **OPINION**? Circle the correct answer. 📉
- (A) Fact     (B) Opinion
- (4) "Every effort should be made to stop poaching, as it is the most terrible threat to these magnificent animals." Is this a **FACT** or **OPINION**? Circle the correct answer. 🚫
- (A) Fact     (B) Opinion
- (5) In your own words, explain the difference between a fact and an opinion. Use an example from the passage. 📝

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Find an opinion in the passage that does NOT use words like "I think" or "most" but still expresses a belief. Write it down and explain why it's an opinion. 🤔

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