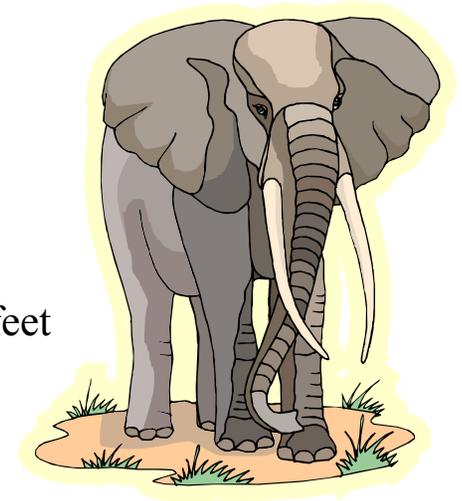


# African Elephant



## Size:

African elephants are the largest land mammals on earth averaging 8½ to 13 feet tall at the shoulder.

Full-grown elephants can weigh up to 13,000 pounds – that is the same as two Hummers!

Babies are born weighing about 200 to 250 pounds. The average adult man in the United States weighs 180 pounds.

## Description:

African elephants have large ears that help them stay cool. They use their tusks to fight, dig and eat. Their trunk is used for breathing, communicating, feeding, and drinking.

They have only 6 teeth through their lifetime. The teeth replace each other as they wear down. When the last one wears down, they may starve to death.

## Eating Habits:

Elephants can drink up to 50 gallons of water a day! That would be 50 1-gallon milk jugs.

They eat mostly bark, fruit, grass, and leaves. Sometimes they knock trees down to get food.

## Interesting Facts:

Elephants like spending time together. They are very caring and have been seen helping wounded or young elephants over obstacles while traveling.