

Elephants Matter - Environmental Worksheet 11b



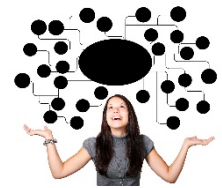
Did you know there are two different elephant species? *African* and *Asian* Elephants differ with several key features. Check out the main similarities and differences here:

<https://www.worldwildlife.org/species/elephant>

Which species of elephant is pictured left? How do you know?

Unfortunately elephants are disappearing at a very fast rate. If we don't keep trying to stop this, we may very soon have a world without elephants. That's very sad. ☹️

Research the main reasons elephant populations are declining and create a mind map of your findings in the box below (or even better, do it on an A3 size page). You can find out a cool way to draw mind maps in this video here: <https://youtu.be/-Y1HJMuqAPY>



Mind Map Tips:

- *First decide on which different sections of information you should have.*
- *Use colour pens/highlighters, fonts and shapes to make different sections, headings and facts stand out.*
- *Stick to keywords or phrases. Don't clog it up with long sentences.*
- *A mind map is a revision/memory tool. Just some short bullet points will act as memory jolters.*
- *There are lots of styles of mind maps. Use the one you prefer. After all, it's a learning tool for you!*



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Enviro Splat

World Elephant Day is celebrated in August every year (it's on August 12, 2019)!

You can sign their pledge to help elephants, donate to their good causes, and find out other ways to support elephants here: <http://worlddelephantday.org/>

An elephant never forgets...

1. Elephants occur in our myths, legends, idioms and proverbs. Why are they important to humans? Who/what is their main predator?
2. Do you think people can communicate with elephants? Lawrence Anthony, the 'Elephant Whisperer', wrote a book about it. Read about him here: <http://thulathula.com/lawrence-anthony/>

Here are some websites with interesting elephant facts, including advice for tourists:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/earth/story/20150601-the-truth-about-elephants>

<https://greenglobaltravel.com/facts-about-elephants-world-elephant-day/>

<https://www.savetheelephants.org/>

<https://www.unitedforwildlife.org/10-amazing-elephant-facts-need-know/>

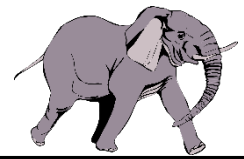
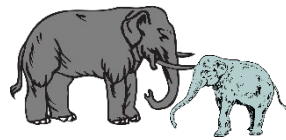


are thriving. We haven't lost them yet. There's still time.

What do you think is the best way to save

elephants? What can you commit to do right now, to help save elephants? Here are some ideas from the Guardian's very comprehensive list:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/feb/13/what-can-i-do-to-help-elephants>



Enviro Chat

Have you ever seen a real elephant? Where? Which species was it?

Find out how much space elephants need when living free in the wild. Why do they need this much space? How does this cause problems with keeping them in captivity, or where wild elephants roam in areas where humans farm/build/live?

Elephants are regarded as some of the most intelligent, community-oriented and emotionally-developed species. Why? Can you find/think of any examples where elephants show this?

3. Some orphan/rescued elephants have unusual friendships. Check out this elephant and sheep video. It will melt your heart! <https://youtu.be/Oct4MDyMmtk>



The good news!

In some areas, with protection, elephants

Word Zap

How many different meanings can you think of for the word '**poach**'?

Look up the etymology or origin of word(s) at:

<https://www.etymonline.com/>

