

## Elephants

Elephants have four large legs to support a heavy body weight of nearly 12 tonnes. Elephants are intelligent; they can learn complex tasks, such as playing musical instruments and painting, and they can express their emotions. Elephant ears are large, but are used as much for cooling as for hearing – they wave them like fans. Their long noses are used to drink water, which they suck up before spraying it into their mouths. They also use their noses to shower and, when swimming, to breathe. Elephants spend 16 hours a day eating about 150 kilos of grass, leaves, and fruit. An elephant pregnancy lasts for 22 months – the longest of any animal – and a baby elephant weighs nearly 120 kilos.

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