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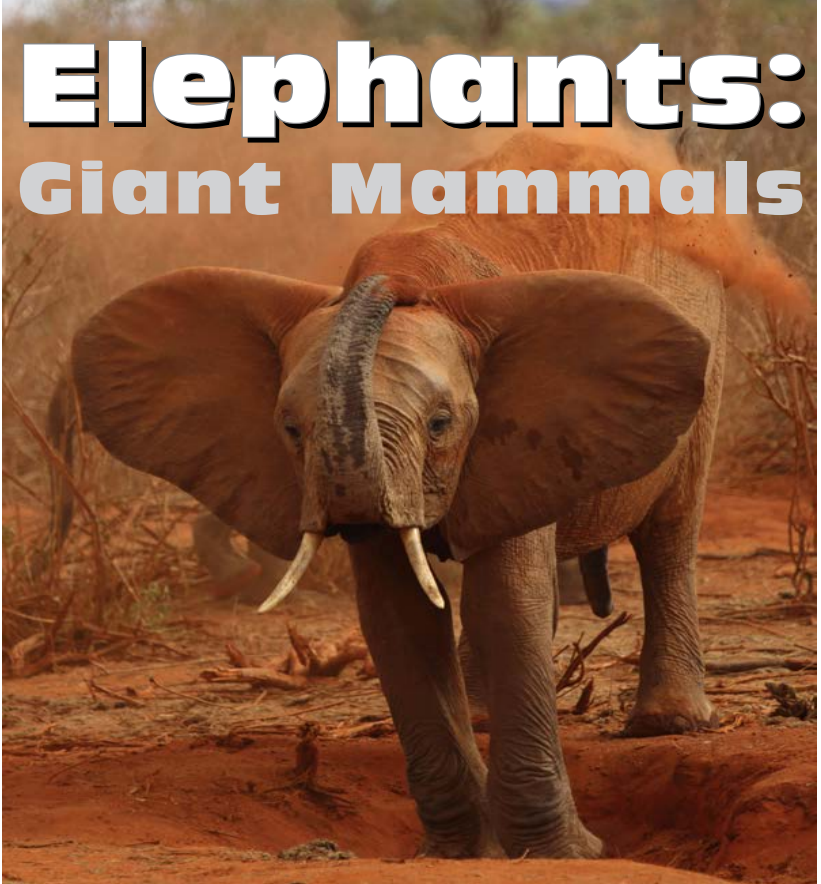
Giant Mammals



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Focus Question

What advantages do elephants have because of their size?



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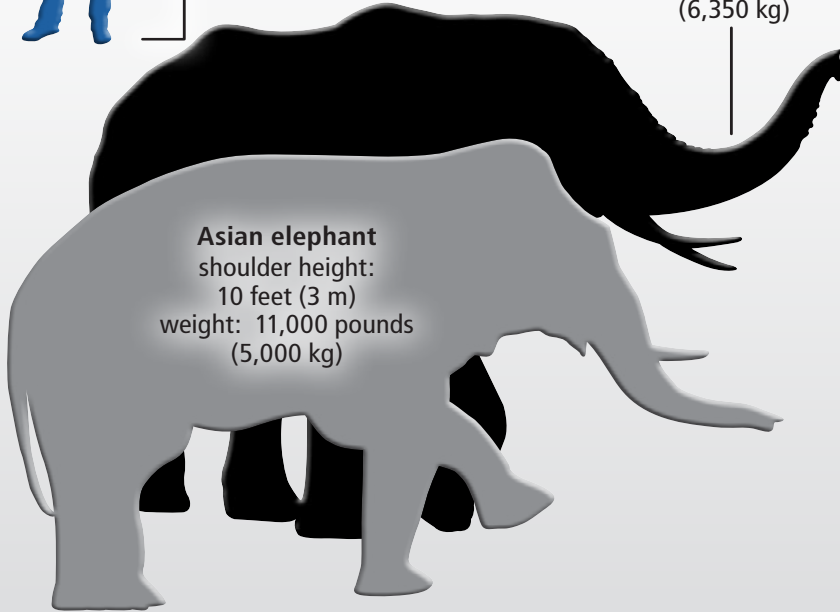
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How Big Are They?



Human
height: 6 feet (1.8 m)
weight: 175 pounds
(79.4 kg)

African elephant
shoulder height:
13 feet (4 m)
weight:
14,000 pounds
(6,350 kg)



Asian elephant
shoulder height:
10 feet (3 m)
weight: 11,000 pounds
(5,000 kg)

Elephants are Number One!

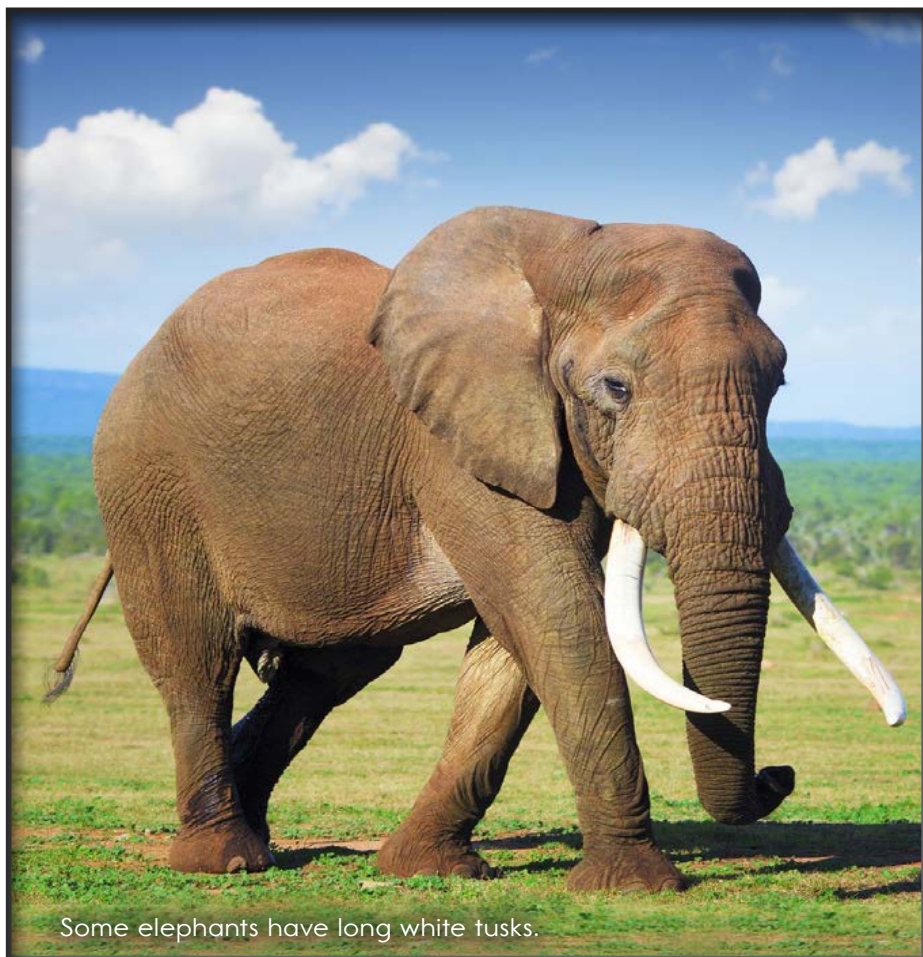
Elephants are huge!

They are much, much bigger
than the biggest human.

They are the biggest
land animals on Earth.

Take a Look

Elephants are covered with thick gray or brown skin. They have long noses called **trunks**.

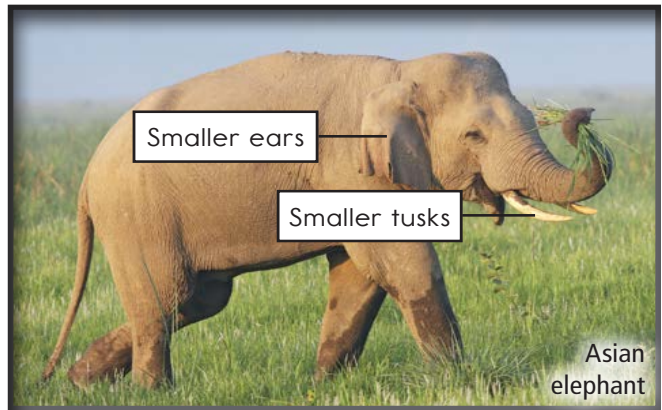
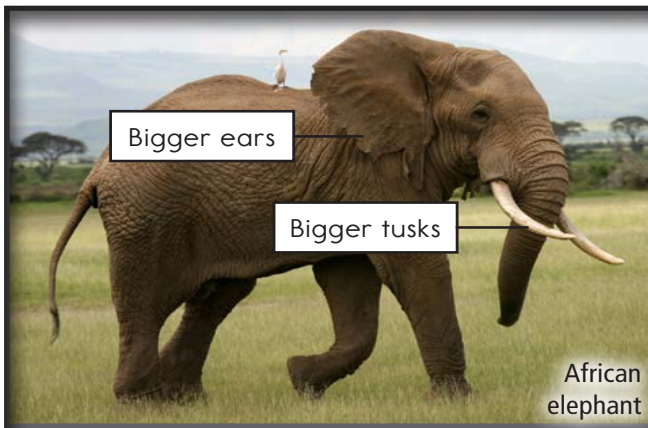


Some elephants have long white tusks.



Elephants spray water with their trunks.

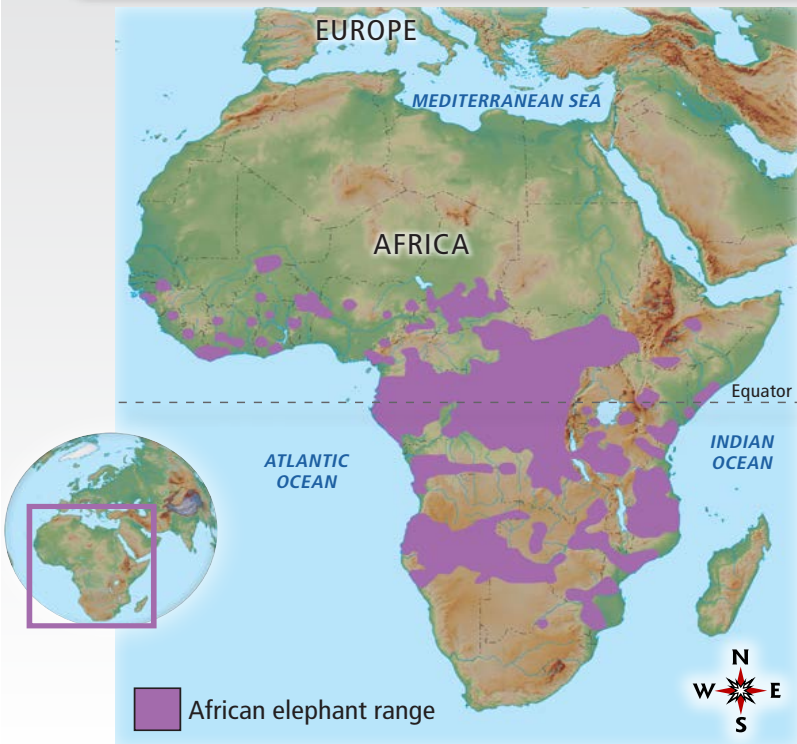
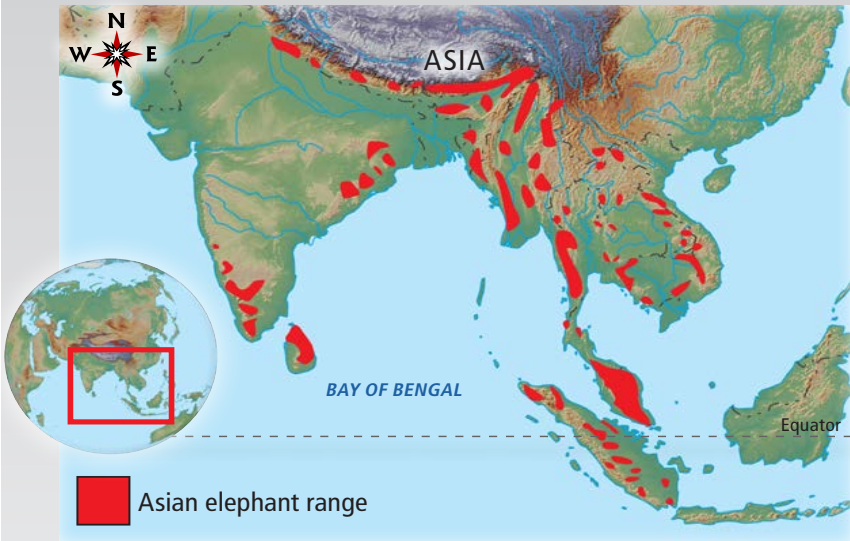
Elephants use their trunks
to **breathe** and make noise.
They also use their trunks
to grab food and suck up water.



Two Kinds of Elephants

There are African
and Asian elephants.
African elephants are bigger
than Asian elephants.
The two kinds are different
in other ways, too.

Where Elephants Live



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