The Largest Land Animal

These are new words to practice.
Say each word 10 times.

* animal
* larger
* brain
* elephant

* trunk
* flexible
* tusks
* blood

Choose one new word to write.

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One animal is very big. It lives on land. It is the largest land animal. It has a big head. Its head is larger than any other land animal’s. Its brain is big. Its brain is larger than any other land animal’s. It has a big nose. It is long. Its nose is longer than any other animal’s. Can you name the animal?

It is the elephant. An elephant’s nose is called a trunk. A trunk is very strong. It is so strong it can lift a big log. The trunk is very flexible. When something is flexible, it bends easily. It bends and does not break. The trunk is so flexible that an elephant can pick a flower.

Elephants can swim. They are good swimmers. Often, they swim underwater. They stick their trunks out as they swim. They breathe through their trunks. They can swim like this for a long time. They can swim far.

An elephant has two tusks. Tusks are teeth. The teeth are long. The teeth are large. An elephant uses its tusks to find food. It uses its tusks to find water, too. To find roots, an elephant digs in the ground. To find soft wood, an elephant opens tree trunks. To find water, an elephant digs in dry riverbeds. An elephant uses its tusks for all these things.

An elephant has two ears. The ears are big. Just one ear can weigh 110 pounds (50 kilograms)! Ears help an elephant stay cool. How do big ears help? Blood flows through the ears. When it is warm, the elephant flaps its ears. This cools the ears. This cools the blood flowing in the ears, too. The cooled blood flows back. It flows back to the rest of the elephant. It cools the elephant.
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After reading the story, answer the questions. Fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

1. When something is flexible,
   a) it flows
   b) it bends
   a) it is long
   b) it is strong

2. This story is mainly about
   a) tusks
   b) cooling blood
   c) one land animal
   d) an elephant’s trunk

3. What is not true about elephants?
   a) They are the best swimmers.
   b) They are the largest land animals.
   c) They have the longest nose of any animal.
   d) They have the biggest brain of all the land animals.

4. Why does an elephant flap its ears?
   a) to find water
   b) to cool blood
   c) to open tree trunks
   d) to breathe underwater

5. Think about how the word warm relates to cool. Which words relate in the same way?
   a) ear : flap
   b) dig : tusk
   c) nose : trunk
   d) large : small
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