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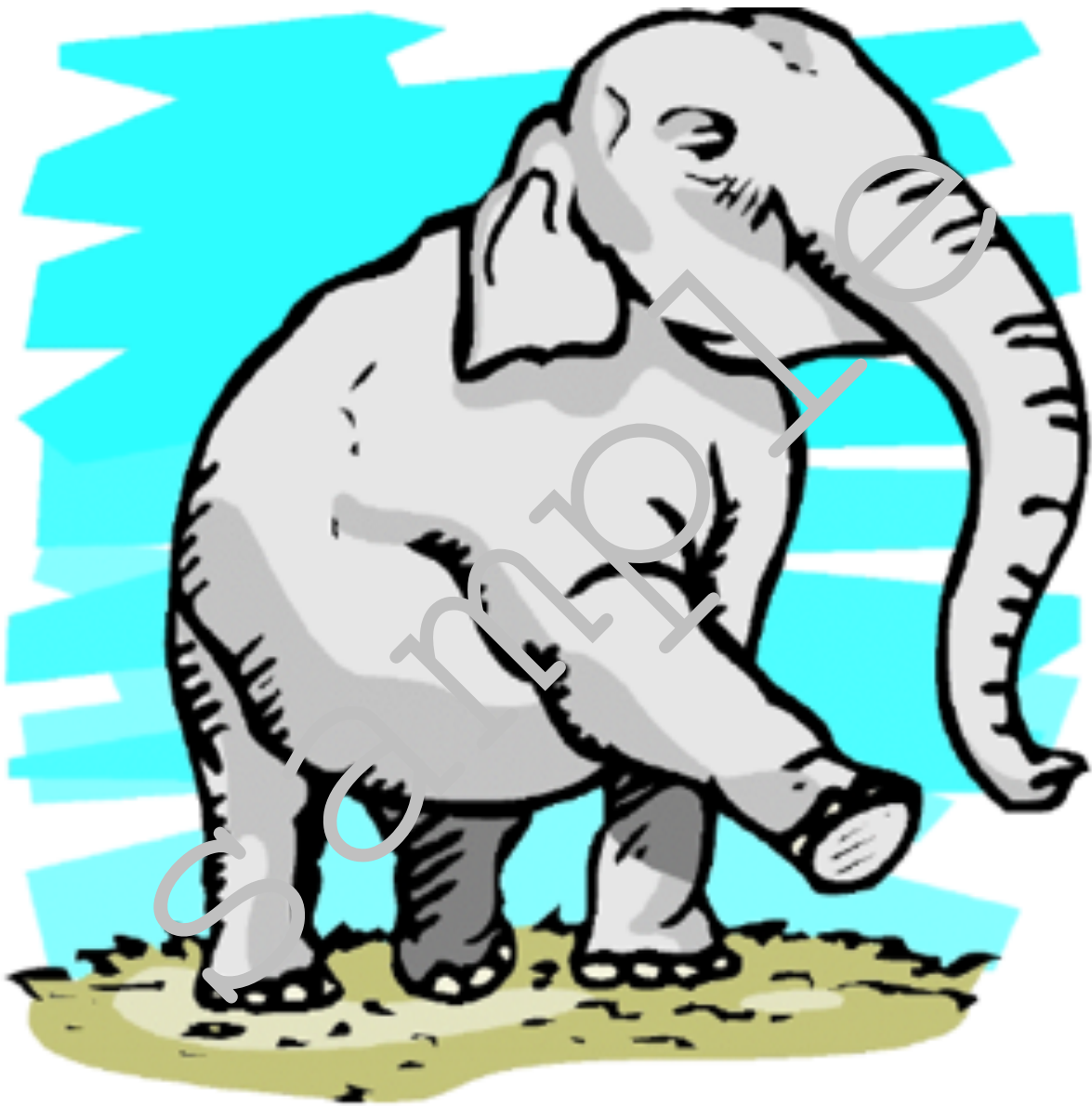
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Asian Elephants

Asian elephants live for about forty years. The biggest Asian elephants are about twenty feet long. They are about ten feet tall and weigh 11,000 pounds. Their tails are about five feet in length.

Asian elephants are smaller in size from the African elephants. They have smaller ears and tusks. They have only one fingerlike prong at the end of their trunks. Only the male Asian elephants have tusks. The female Asian elephants do not have tusks. The Asian elephants have five front toes and four back toes. The African elephant has four front toes and three back toes.

Asian elephants like to eat grasses, bark, legumes, leaves, fig leaves and seasonal fruits. When food runs out they will walk in single file to find other areas where they can eat.

Asian elephants are more gentle than the African elephants. Many are trained to perform tricks and carry heavy loads. Today, Asian elephants are an endangered species.



Read the questions below. Write your answers in complete sentences.

1. What do Asian elephants like to eat? _____

2. Where are Asian elephants found? _____

3. How old do Asian elephants live? _____



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Elephant Tusks

Elephant tusks are really teeth. Tusks never stop growing during the lifetime of the elephant. They are used for tools. Elephants dig up roots with their tusks. They dig holes for water. They pry off bark from trees. They use their tusks for fighting.

An elephant often can be seen with one tusk shorter than the other. That usually means the elephant uses that tusk more than the other tusk.



Elephant Trunks

The trunk of an elephant has 40,000 and more muscles and tendons. Some trunks may be 7 feet long and weigh over 300 pounds.

Elephants breathe through their trunks. If the wind is blowing in the right direction elephants can recognize smells two miles away.

Elephants suck water through their trunk and then squirt the water into their mouth. Baby elephants do not know how to use their trunks. They must be taught.



Elephant Ears

Ears are very important to elephants. Elephants use their ears to keep them cool and to regulate their body temperature. When they are threatened elephants spread their ears to pick up the slightest sound.



The African elephant has ears that at least three times the size of the Asian elephant.



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CRISS CROSS

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

tusk
bull

calf
ivory

elephant
feet

trunk
tail

