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Habitat

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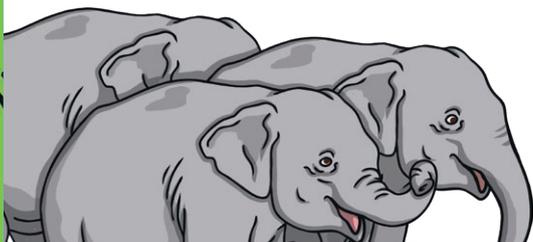
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Fun Facts

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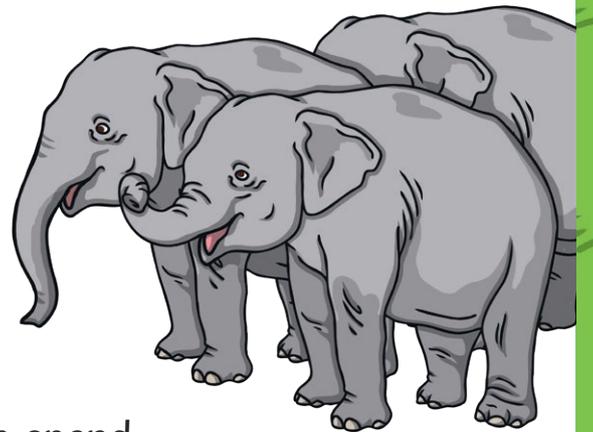
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- Elephants do not like bees, so some farmers keep bees near the fields, to stop elephants from eating their crops.
- Elephants can live up to 70 years old in the wild.



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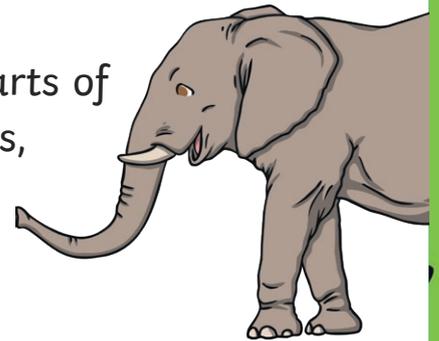
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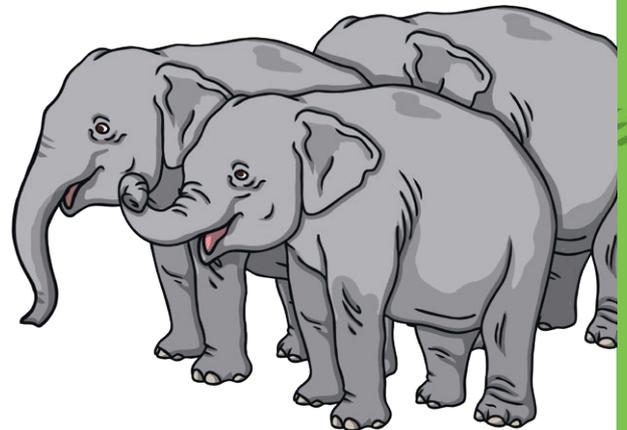


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- Elephants can live up to 70 years old in the wild. However, African elephants live on average 56 years and Asian elephants live on average 42 years in the wild.
- Elephant tusks are made from ivory.



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