

## **Do you know about Elephants?**

I'll tell you lots about elephants! Elephants are awesome! Female elephants have calves at 12 years old and are pregnant for 22 months! Lions prey on young elephants that are not strong enough to fight. An elephant's trunk can grow up to 2 meters long and can weigh about 140 kg (310 pounds)! An adult elephant drinks up to 210 liters (55 gallons) of water a day! Since elephants are plant eaters, they spend about 16 hours collecting leaves, twigs, bamboo, and roots. Elephants can swim and use their trunk as a snorkel to breathe under deep water. Elephants are the largest land mammal in the world. Scientists think that an elephant's trunk is made out of 100,000 muscles and no bones! Female elephants are called cows. There are two types of elephants – the Asian elephant and the African elephant. The African elephant has two names – the African Forest elephant and the African Bush elephant. Elephants have large, thin ears and when blood goes through their ears, it cools them down when they're in hot climates.

I went to India a few years ago and I gave a coin to an elephant and with its huge trunk, it patted me on the head!

There's also an elephant god named Ganesha. He is the lord that takes away all the obstacles and hence he's the god all Hindus worship before starting any major project. Elephants are very high in intelligence.

Elephants are powerful, intelligent, majestic, and amazing animals. I love elephants, don't you?