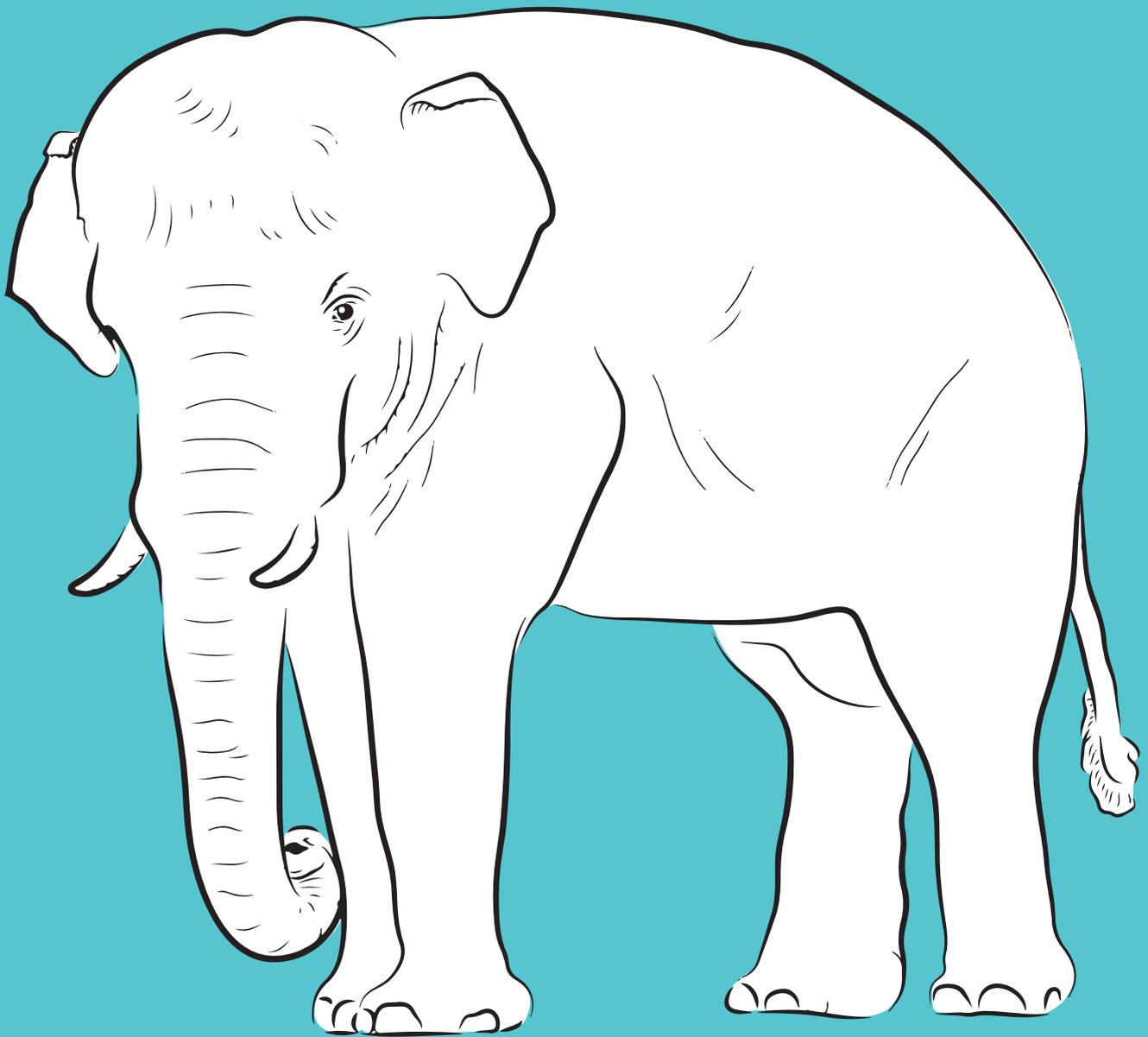


# Auckland Zoo

# ▶ Education Pack

## Primary



**Theme: Elephants**

# Zoo Lesson plan

**Theme:** Primary (Ages 5-11 years) - ELEPHANTS

**What will I learn:** How an elephant's body helps it to survive in the wild, how to help elephants in the wild.

## Inspire

Watch our ZooTales videos and use our animal pages to find out more about our elephants at Auckland Zoo.

- Read a story with our elephants – [“We are all Equal”](#)
- Watch this ZooTales video to meet our elephants at Auckland Zoo – [Anjalee and Burma](#)
- Find out more information on our website about our elephants – [Animal pages](#)
- [Watch Anjalee's journey to Auckland Zoo](#)

## Explore

**Research:** What is the difference between Asian and African Elephants?

**Research:** True or False - Quiz

**Research:** Body Parts - how does it help?

All resources listed above are attached to this pack.

## Act

We can help elephants in the wild by buying products with this logo - can you find it at home? Try your toilet paper!

**Find out more here:** [FSC](#)



## Create

Use the template to decorate your elephant  
- **Decorate your elephant**

Create a labelled elephant and know the names of each body part

- **Elephant - Names of body parts**

Create a new language in this resource  
- **Communication**

Create your own elephant story book

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## Reflect

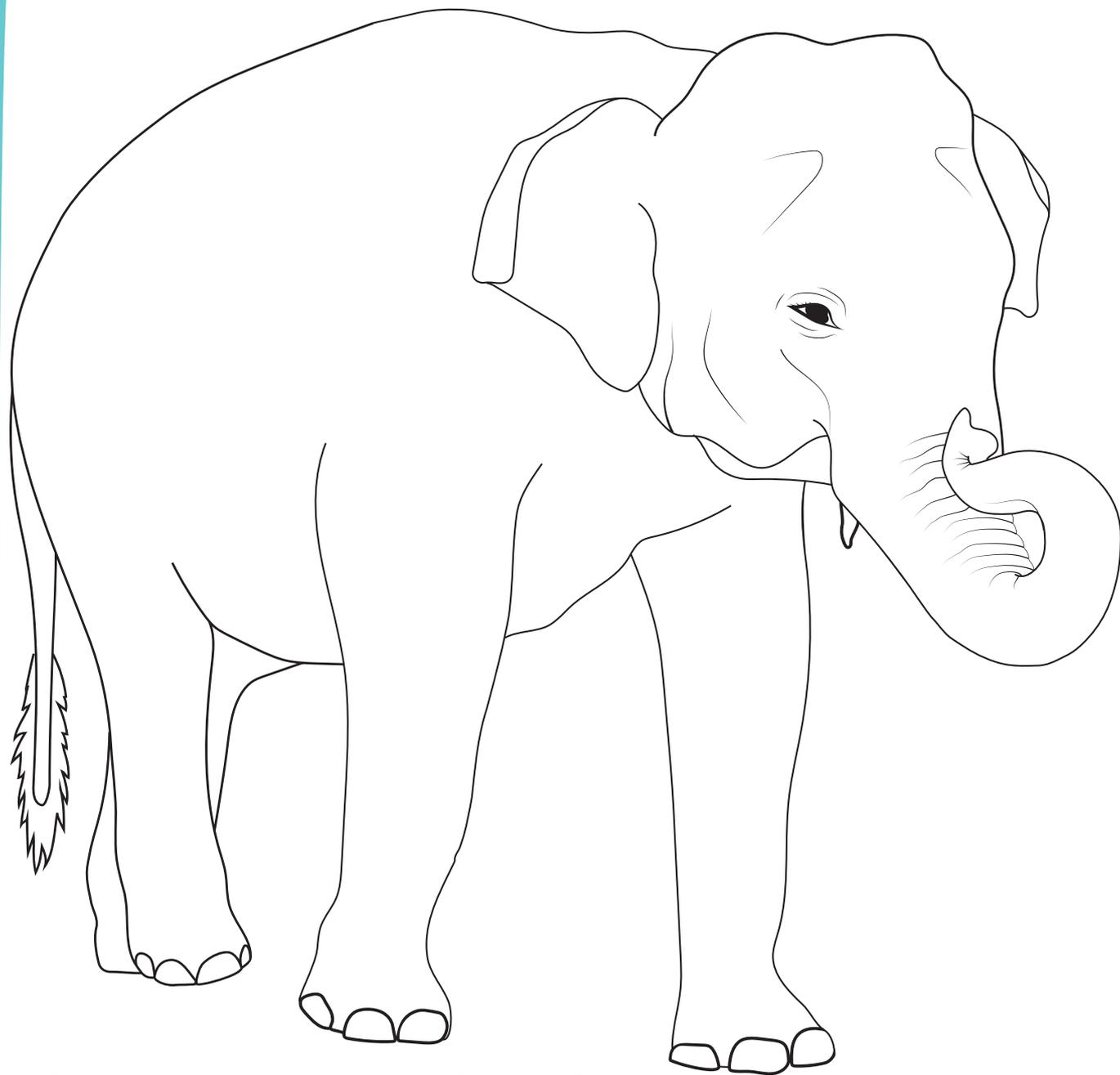
- How much food do you think the elephants eat in a day?
- Draw what you think and then look at our website or Facebook page to see if you were right?

**Curriculum links:**

Lessons include a range of aspects from the main strands of the NZ Curriculum - English, The arts, Health and physical education, Learning languages, Mathematics and statistics, Science, Social science and Technology.

They also consider the Key Competencies - Thinking, Using language, symbols and text, Managing self, Relating to others, Participating and communicating.

# Decorate your elephant!



**Did you know elephants can't sweat?  
Their wrinkles help to hold water and cool them down!**

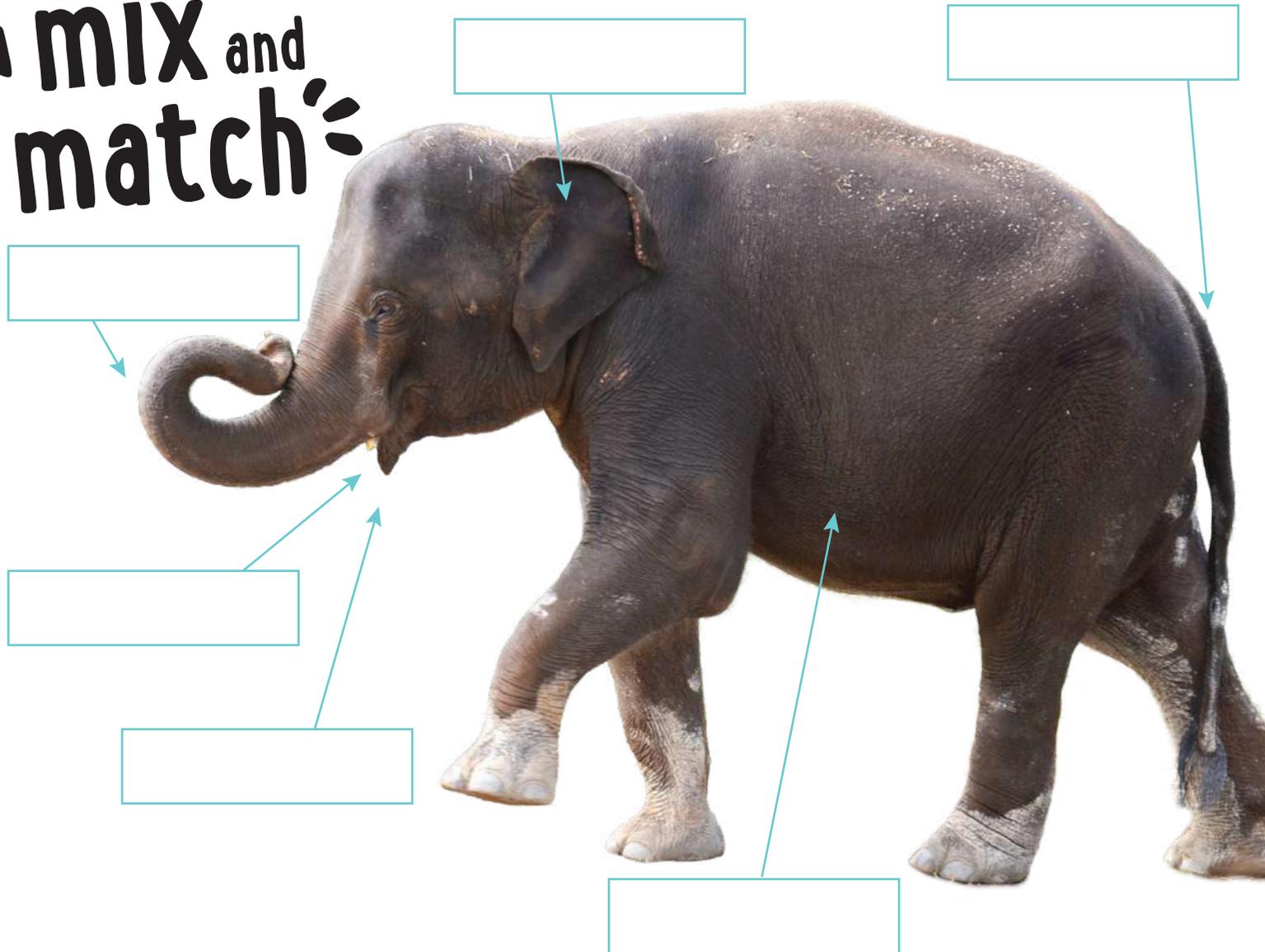
Using this template, find a wrinkled surface (e.g. concrete or bark) and take a rubbing to give your elephant wrinkled skin.

Use things from the garden (like leaves and twigs) or old things from around the house (such as empty boxes, old buttons or bottle tops) to decorate your elephant.

# Elephant

◀ mix and match ▶

Can you name the parts of an elephant?  
Cut out the words and match them to the body part of the elephant.



## Be an expert!

The 'tusks' of female Asian elephants are actually called TUSHES. They are like small tusks but are brittle and break more easily than a tusk.

tusk

ear

tail

skin

trunk

mouth

# ◀ Elephant communication ▶

Did you know the elephant team at Auckland Zoo has made up a language to give instructions to Burma and Anjalee? They use words from three different languages to instruct the elephants and they keep the words that they use a secret.

**Can you make up your own language for the following instructions?**

Instruction	Your language
Move back	
Stop	
Walk forward	
Open your mouth	
Turn around	
Lift up your foot	

**What other instructions will the elephant keepers need to give?**

Write them down below and translate them into your made-up language.

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# Spot the difference: Asian and African

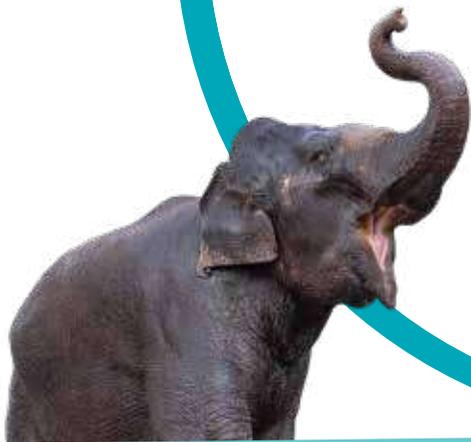
Did you know there are two different species of elephants – the African elephant and the Asian elephant?

Can you find out the differences and similarities between them? Write their differences in the outer circles and their similarities in the middle where the circles overlap.

Asian elephant

Both

African elephant



# ◀ True or False?

Read the following facts about elephants. Work in a group or in pairs to decide if they are true or false.

1.  **Elephants are pregnant for 22 months**
2.  **Elephants live for 30 years**
3.  **Elephants use their feet to listen**
4.  **Elephants spend up to 16 hours a day collecting food**
5.  **An elephant's trunk has around 10,000 muscles**
6.  **Elephants can communicate silently over long distances (up to 8km)**
7.  **Elephants eat meat**
8.  **Elephants can collect water in a special pouch in the throat. They can spray it later when they get hot**
9.  **Elephants can jump**