



# Comprehension

## Learning Outcomes

- Students will improve their reading and understanding skills.
- They will answer questions based on a text.

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

Almost everything about the elephant is big. They are the largest animals that live on land. There are two kinds of elephants : the Indian elephant and the African elephant. A male African elephant can weigh up to six thousand kilos. Elephants can be up to four metres tall. Elephants need to live in very large areas because they eat and drink so much. Every day, elephants spend about 16 hours eating. They eat up to 200 kilos of food. They can drink over 250 litres of water. Elephants have very big yet very thin ears. Elephants use their ears to cool themselves down. An elephant's trunk can smell food, water and predators. Elephants have very strong legs to support their heavy bodies. Elephants use tusks to get food and water and to fight.



### A. Tick (✓) the correct option.

- Which animals are the largest animals that live on land?  
 (a) wolf ☐ (b) cheetah ☐ (c) elephants ☐
- How many kinds of elephants are there?  
 (a) two ☐ (b) four ☐ (c) six ☐
- A male African elephant can weigh up to :  
 (a) two thousand kilos ☐  
 (b) four thousand kilos ☐  
 (c) six thousand kilos ☐



Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

One day, a lion lay fast asleep. A little mouse ran out of its hole and ran over the lion's nose. The lion woke up and laid his paw upon the mouse.

"Oh! Please, Sir," said the poor mouse. "Do not kill me. Some day I may do you some good." "Now run away and don't wake me again," said the lion.

One day, the lion was caught in a net made of strong cords. It tried to break the cords, but the net was too strong for him. So he began to roar loudly. Hearing the lion's roar, the mouse came running up. Soon the mouse bit one cord with its sharp teeth and one by one he bit all the cords. Soon the net was broken and the lion was free.

"Thank you my little friend," said the lion, "I now see that even a small mouse can help a big lion."



**B. Tick (✓) the correct option.**

1. Who lay fast asleep?  
(a) lion ☐ (b) tiger ☐ (c) deer ☐
2. The lion was caught in a :  
(a) cage ☐ (b) net ☐ (c) none ☐
3. Who broke the net?  
(a) lion ☐ (b) horse ☐ (c) mouse ☐
4. "Thank you my little friend," said the :  
(a) crow ☐ (b) lion ☐ (c) tiger ☐





**Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow :**

Trees are the kindest thing I know,  
They do not harm, they simply grow  
And spread a shade for sleepy cows,  
And gather birds among the boughs.  
They are the first when day's begun  
To touch the beams of the morning Sun.  
They are the last to hold the light.  
When evening changes into night.  
And when a moon floats in the sky  
They hum a drowsy lullaby  
Of sleepy children long ago...  
Trees are the kindest things I know.



**C. Answer the following questions based on the above poem.**

1. In the line 'They are the first...' what does 'they' stand for?

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2. What do the trees do when the moon floats in the sky?

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3. Why does the poet find the trees to be the kindest?

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4. Which two words rhyme with 'know'?

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5. Write the summary of the poem.

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