A useful nose

What do you use your nose for? Do you use it to squirt water or pick up leaves? Probably not! But, did you know there *is* an animal that does all those things and more with its nose? It's an elephant!

Elephants are amazing creatures with extremely interesting noses called trunks. An elephant's trunk contains more than 40,000 muscles! The tip of an elephant's trunk is flexible and bends easily. Elephants use the tips of their trunks the same way you use your fingers. They can pick up items, tear leaves off branches, and scoop food into their mouths using their trunks. Trunks are also used for drinking water. Elephants do not drink water through their trunks. Instead, they use the trunk like a straw to suck up water and squirt it into their mouths.

Elephants also use their trunks to keep clean and comfortable. They will spray a shower of water out of their trunks for a quick bath. They might also spray out a shower of dust to get rid of pests, guard their sensitive skin from the sun's rays, and prevent sunburn.

Another way that trunks are useful to elephants is for communication. They use their trunks to give hugs, greet other elephants, and make sounds for other elephants to hear. An elephant trunk truly is a useful nose!

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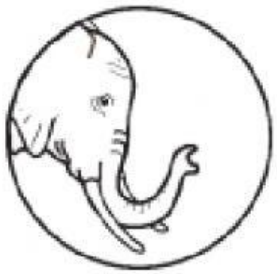
1. Elephants spray dust from their trunks____(2 points).
   A. to bother other elephants
   B. to keep from getting a sunburn
   C. because they are bored
   D. to get their bodies clean

2. An elephant uses the tip of its trunk like you use your _____(2 points).
   A. nose
   B. ears
   C. fingers
   D. toes

3. About how many muscles does an elephant's trunk have? (2 points)
   A. 400
   B. 4,000
   C. 40,000
   D. 4

4. According to the passage, what does the word flexible mean? (2 points)
   A. long
   B. tip
   C. useful
   D. bends easily



5. What is the main idea of the passage? (2 points)
   A. Elephants eat grasses and leaves.
   B. An elephant's trunk is extremely useful.
   C. Elephants have many muscles.
   D. Elephants need water to drink.

Write 2 details from the passage that support the main idea (4 points)_____

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