

Name:	Grade:	Date:
-------	--------	-------

Criteria	Performance
Explains factual information and opinions according to the communicative purpose and context.	

1. Read the following text and classify them into facts and opinions.

Elephants are incredible creatures to study because they are the largest mammals on land. The African elephant is bigger than the Asian elephant and therefore more interesting. Elephants are herbivores, eating food such as bark, grasses, fruit and roots. These creatures use their trunks to pick up food and put it into their mouths. Sometimes, elephants will eat over 130kg of food per day so they are thought of as very greedy creatures! The most fascinating part of an elephant is their trunk. Apart from using their trunk to eat, they also use their trunks to smell, breathe, drink and spray themselves with water. Elephants may not look very pretty to some people, but they are very sensitive animals, and there is evidence that they mourn when their friends or family die.

But some people think elephants are not very pretty; many people believe they are very smart and gentle animals. This opinion is supported by facts because elephants live in family groups and take care of each other. Scientists have seen that elephants feel sad when a family member or friend dies. Because of this, many people think elephants are kind and caring animals.



WordBank	
Trunk: A trunk is a long nose that an elephant uses to smell, grab things, and drink water	
Smell: Smell is the sense we use with our nose to notice different scents.	
Mammals: A mammal is an animal that has hair or fur and drinks milk from its mother.	Kind: generous
	

FACTS	OPINIONS