Choose the correct main idea for each paragraph

i **Efforts to Protect Elephants**

ii **Elephants' Diet**

iii **Introduction to Woolly Mammoths and Elephants**

iv **Threats to Elephants**

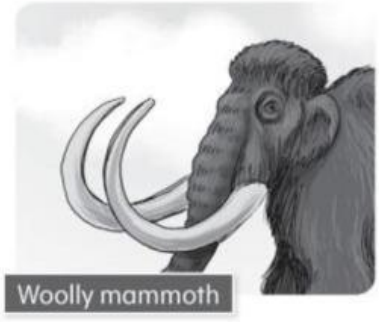
v **Elephants' Behavior and Communication**

vi **Elephant Characteristics**

vii **Current status of elephants**

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Elephants in Danger



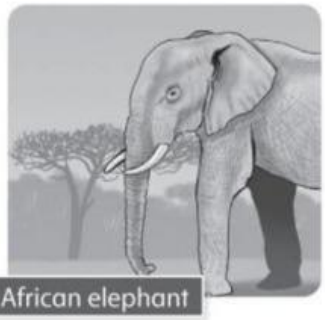
Woolly mammoth

Have you ever seen a **woolly mammoth**? Maybe you have seen one in a book or movie, but you've never seen a real one. Why? Because they became extinct about 4,000 years ago. However, you can see its modern-day relative, the elephant.

Elephants are the largest living animals on land. They can weigh about 7,000 kg and be 4 meters high. There are two **species** of elephants—Asian elephants and African elephants. The two species look a little different. An African elephant's ear is big and floppy. It looks like a map of Africa! An Asian elephant's ear is smaller. The shape looks like a map of India!

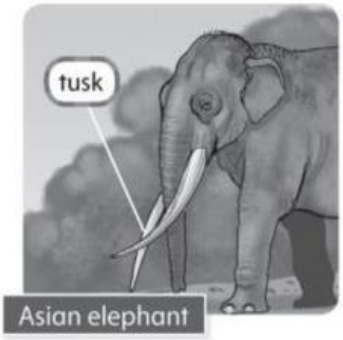
All elephants eat plants. They eat grasses, leaves, fruit, branches, and tree bark. An elephant can eat about 200 kg of food in a day!

Elephants are very intelligent and sensitive animals. They live in family groups. Different families of elephants meet to socialize. Elephants communicate over long distances with very low sounds. People can't hear them!



African elephant

The sad news about elephants is that they are **endangered**, or in danger of becoming extinct. The numbers of elephants has been decreasing for many years. Elephants still live in some parts of Africa and Asia, but they have disappeared from West Asia, Java, and most of China.



Asian elephant

Why are elephants disappearing? One reason is that people have been **exploiting** elephants for their ivory tusks. Another reason is that people have been destroying the elephants' **habitat** to use the land.

Many environmental groups have been working to stop people from killing elephants for ivory and to stop people from selling and buying ivory. People have built **sanctuaries**, or protected areas, for elephants to live in safely. We have to protect elephants if we want them to survive. We don't want them to become **extinct** like the woolly mammoths.

Think

What does the author want you to learn?

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