Great Big Elephants

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Read the passage below.

Almost everything about elephants is big. They are the largest animals that live on land. There are two kinds of elephants: the Indian elephant and the African elephants. A male, African elephant can weigh up to six thousand kilos. Elephants can be up to four meters 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 liters of water. Elephants have very big, very thin ears. Elephants use their ears to cool themselves down. An elephant's trunk can smell food, water and predators. Elephants need very strong legs to support their heavy bodies. Elephant tusks are really long, curved teeth. Elephants use their tusks to dig food and water and to fight.

Answer each question.

1. How many kinds of elephants are there?

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2. A male, African elephant can weigh up to six thousand kilos.

   a. True ( ) b. False ( )

3. Why elephants need to live in large areas?

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4. What does elephant's trunk smell?

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5. Why elephants need strong legs?

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6. What are the tusks?

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