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READING COMPREHENSION: "ELEPHANTS" by Kate Davies

1) Put the sentences in the correct sequence. Write 1 - 6.

- The baby elephant drinks her mother's milk. ____
- A lion watches the baby elephants, but the mother scares it away. ____
- A newborn elephant struggles to stand up for the first time. ____
- The elephants travel in herds to find food and water. ____
- A female elephant leaves the herd to have her baby. ____
- The herd gathers around to meet the new baby elephant. ____

2) Write true (T) or false (F) in the following sentences.

- African elephants are bigger than Asian elephants. ____
- Female Asian elephants have long tusks. ____
- An elephant has four legs. ____
- Baby elephants don't like water. ____
- Elephants travel in groups called herds. ____
- The lion catches the baby elephant. ____
- Male elephants live in herds with their babies. ____
- A baby elephant grows inside its mother for nearly two years. ____
- The story happens on a hot grassy plain. ____
- The mother elephant helps her baby learn to use her trunk. ____
- It never rains in Africa. ____
- Male elephants often live alone or with other males. ____
- The baby elephant hides under her mother when she is scared. ____
- Another female elephant helps when a new baby is born. ____

3) Vocabulary. Match the word to its meaning. Write the correct letter.

Trunk ____

Tusks ____

Ears ____

Tail ____

Leaves ____

Water ____

Herd ____

Word bank of meanings:

- a) A big group of elephants.
- b) Long, white teeth.
- c) Green food from trees.
- d) Elephants use these to hear.
- e) Babies hold this in the water.
- f) The elephant's long nose.
- g) Elephants drink and play in this.