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Talking Elephants

Have you ever heard of talking elephants? Just like people, elephants talk to each other. They do not use words like we do, instead they use parts of their body. They use their big ears and their trunks. When they wave their trunks around at other elephants, they are talking. They also make loud sounds and grunts. Don't you wish you knew what they were talking about?



1

This story is mostly about

- how elephants eat
- how elephants talk
- how elephants move

2

Which of these is true?

- Elephants talk to people.
- Elephants use their trunks to talk.
- Elephants do not make any sounds.

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Twinkle, Twinkle



Twinkle, twinkle little star. We've all heard that before. But did you know that the sun is a star? It is a huge shining ball in space.

When you look up at the sky on a clear night you may see many stars. They all give off light and seem to be twinkling, except for the sun. The sun looks like a ball because it is closer to Earth than the other stars. The sun has an important job. It gives Earth light and heat energy.

3

Why is the sun important?

- It cools Earth.
- It gives Earth light.
- It makes stars twinkle.

5

Which of these is true?

- The sun is round.
- The sun twinkles at night.
- The stars give Earth daylight.

4

Why does the sun shine brighter than the stars?

- It looks like a big star.
- It is closer to Earth.
- It gives heat energy to Earth.

Answer Key

SAT Standard

Draw conclusions from details

Interpret implicit actions

Make inferences based on text

SSS Benchmark

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