

Reading Comprehension

A. Main Reading

Circle the best answers.

1. What is NOT true about an elephant's trunk?
 - a. It acts like a hand.
 - b. It is used for drinking.
 - c. It can smell things.
 - d. It can be used for walking.
2. How many genes do elephants have that are used in smell?
 - a. Less than dogs
 - b. Around 800
 - c. Almost 2,000
 - d. Scientists don't know.
3. How do elephants recognize each other?
 - a. By sight
 - b. By smell
 - c. By touch
 - d. By taste
4. Why did the elephants get mad when smelling old clothes from a Maasai?
 - a. The clothes were not washed.
 - b. They recognized the smell of elephant killers.
 - c. They recognized the smells of people who stole their food.
 - d. The clothes were made of old elephant skin.
5. Why did the elephants NOT react to the old clothes from a Kamba?
 - a. The Kamba have elephants as pets.
 - b. The Kamba farm food for the elephants.
 - c. The Kamba do not hunt elephants.
 - d. The Kamba's clothes were new.

B. Focus on Language

Circle the correct words.

6. Dogs' noses are very sensitive—(on the other hand / in fact), they have 800 genes used in smell.
7. On one hand, elephants are extremely big. (On the other hand / In fact), they are not aggressive.
8. Elephants (use / is used) their trunks as noses.
9. Many elephants (kill / are killed) by the Maasai tribe.
10. Once the Maasai's clothes (smelled / were smelled), the elephants quickly became angry.

C. Focus on Strategies

Write T for True or F for False.

11. Albatrosses can catch fish in the dark. _____
12. Polar bears cannot smell things seals. _____
13. A luna moth uses smell to catch food. _____
14. A shark is sensitive to the smell of blood in water. _____

Write the correct animal names in the blanks.

15. The _____ uses smell to find a mate.
_____, _____, and _____ use smell to find food.
_____ and _____ can smell things while flying.
_____ and _____ can smell things in water.
_____, _____, and _____ can smell things in the air.