



Classroom Resource Ideas

Elephant Voices: How do elephants communicate with one another? What does the position of their trunks mean? Why do they flap their ears? What is infrasound? Learn all this and more at “Communication between Elephants Voices and Sounds.” *Elephants in Zoo and Circus Elephant Encyclopedia*. *Bonus, scroll to the bottom of the page and hear recordings of elephants!
https://www.upali.ch/communication_en.html

THE FIVE SENSES: Would you like to learn more about an elephant’s vision, hearing, or their keen sense of smell? Check out more about elephant senses: <https://seaworld.org/animals/all-about/elephants/senses/>

Warm Blooded vs. Cold Blooded Creatures: At this link, Sea World features a classroom activity for teachers and students to discuss warm blooded vs. cold blooded animals. Make sure you add elephants to the conversation!

Animal Spelling Bee: The Sea World website features another fun activity. You can host an animal-centered spelling bee – just add “elephant” to the list. You’ll discuss words like “conservation”, “habitat”, and more. Consider adding “Zululand, South Africa” to the list, and discuss the difference between a continent and a country.

Meet the Elephants of Thula Thula (pronounced toola toola). Learn the names of the elephants that live on the wildlife sanctuary. Read about their conservation efforts or the history of the reserve. Perhaps you will decide to work together to save “Pennies for Protection” and adopt an elephant.

Video (7:12): See Lawrence Anthony call for the herd like you might call in a puppy from the yard. This seven-minute video titled “Lawrence Anthony’s Rehabilitation of Elephants”, will be sure to delight you and your students. You will see all the stars of *The Elephants Come Home*.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4nvQbfQAUG>

Elephant Voices: This webpage takes a deep dive into identifying elephant behaviors, defining terms, and naming modes of communication. <https://www.elephantvoices.org/elephant-ethogram/the-science.html>