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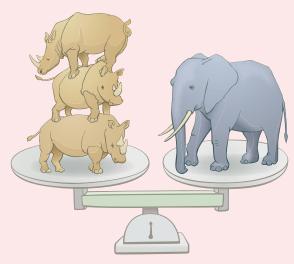


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Biggest on Land

The African elephant is the biggest animal that lives on land.



A male African elephant weighs about as much as three white rhinoceroses.



Many Kinds of Homes

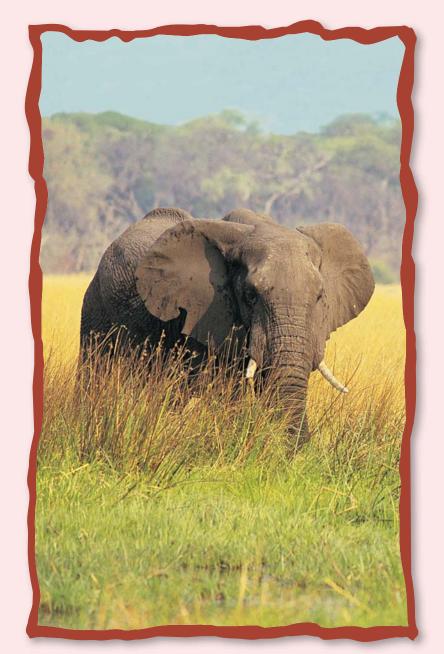
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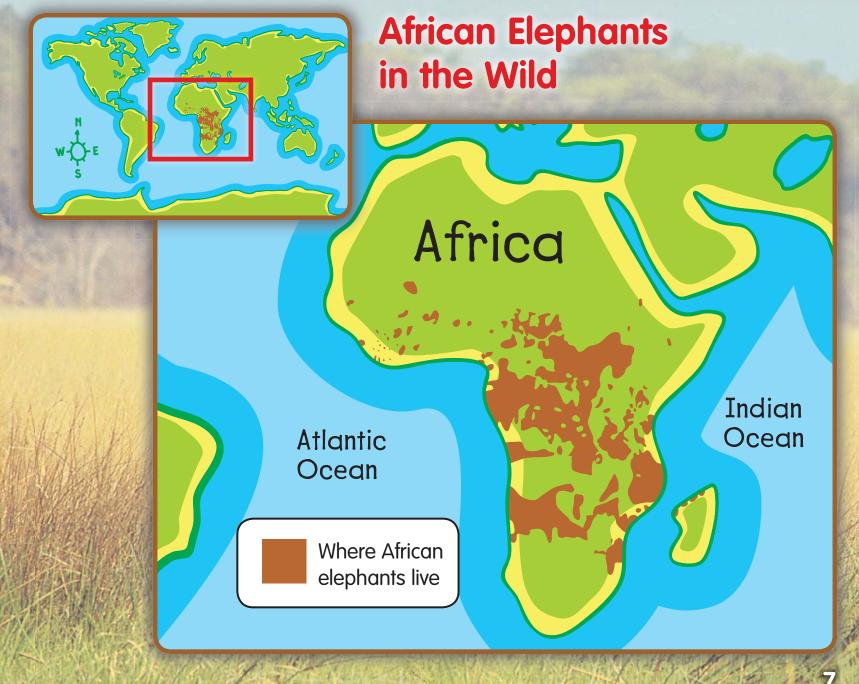
They live in **grasslands**, forests, and near rivers.

Elephants can go a long time without water.

So they are able to live in dry places, too.

There are two kinds of elephants—African and Asian.
Asian elephants are smaller than African elephants.





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The World's Biggest Land Mammal

Where does an African elephant sit? Anywhere it wants. After all, these animals are huge. In fact, some males can weigh more than 6 tons (5.4 metric tons) or as much as three white rhinoceroses!

Look inside to learn more about the world's biggest land mammal. Discover how the African elephant feeds itself, stays cool, and raises its young.

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Blue Whale

The World's Biggest Mammal

Chinese Giant Salamander

The World's Biggest Amphibian

Giraffe

The World's Tallest Mammal

Goliath Beetle

One of the World's Heaviest Insects

Goliath Bird-Eating Tarantula

The World's Biggest Spider

Great Bustard

The World's Heaviest Flying Bird

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