

Lesson – 3

A day with Nandu

I. Fill in the blanks:

1. An elephant herd has only female and baby elephants.
2. Male elephants live in a herd till they are 14 – 15 years old.
3. The Oldest female is the leader of the elephant herd.
4. A group of elephants is called herd.
5. An adult elephant can eat more than 100kilograms in one day.
6. Young ones of elephants love to play in water.
7. Animals are very useful to us and they should be taken care of.

II. Write true or false:

1. The male elephant has to leave the herd when he is 2 years old – False
2. Elephants sleep for only 2 to 4 hours in a day – True
3. Like elephants other animals also live together in groups – True
4. Baby elephants can weigh as much as 250kg – True.
5. When the elephant herd reached the jungle, the members of the herd started spreading out - True.

Home work

Draw an elephant and mark its parts. Also write the uses of their parts.

III. Answer the following:

1. Why do elephants keep flapping their ears?

Elephants keep flapping their ears to keep themselves cool. Their big ears also work like fans.

2. Why do elephants like to play with mud and water?

The elephants like to play with mud and water, because mud and water keep their skin cool.

3. Why did the members of the herd start spreading out when they reached the jungle?

The members of the herd started spreading out when they reached the jungle to eat their favourite leaves and twigs.

4. What do animals in the herd do?

Animals in the herd usually move around together in search of food.

5. Which animals do we use for riding?

Elephant, Camel, Horse ... etc.

6. Which animals do we use for carrying loads?

Ox, Donkey, Elephant... etc.

IV. Match the animals with the name of their groups:

1. A pride of – lions
2. A flock of – sheep
3. A herd of – elephants
4. A shoal of – fishes
5. A swarm of – honey bees
6. A colony of – ants

Home work

Draw an elephant herd and give colour

V. Answer in detail:

1. What did the animals in the herd do when they reached the jungle?

- When the animals in the herd reached the jungle, the members of the herd started spreading out.
- Each member went to eat their favourite leaves and twigs.
- After they had eaten, the herd moved towards the river.
- The baby elephants enjoyed playing in the water.
- The mothers lay down in the water and mud on the river bank.
- Before sunset, the herd started back towards the jungle.

2. Write about some of the common behaviours of elephants.

- An adult elephant can eat more than 100 kilograms of leaves and twigs in one day.
- Even a three month old elephant weighs around 200 kilograms.
- Elephants do not rest very much.
- They sleep for only two to four hours in a day.
- Elephants love to play with mud and water.
- The mud keeps their skin cool.
- Their big ears also work like fans.
- The elephants flap these to keep themselves cool.

3. Write about an elephant herd.

- An elephant herd has mainly females and baby elephants.
- The oldest female is the leader of the herd.
- A herd may have 10 to 12 female elephants and young ones.
- Male elephants live in the herd till they are 14 – 15 years old.
- Then they leave their herd and move around alone.
- Like elephants, some other animals also live together in groups.
- The animals in the herd usually move around together, searching for food.