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Summarize Main Idea/Text Features

Read the passage carefully. Answer the questions.

The Amazing Elephant Nose

The Elephant's Trunk

An elephant's nose is called a trunk, and it is one of the most useful parts of its body. The trunk is long and flexible, and it is made of muscles—over 40,000 of them! Elephants use their trunks to breathe, smell, touch, pick up objects, and even make sounds.

Eating and Drinking

Elephants use their trunks to get food and water. They can grab branches, grass, or fruit with the tip of their trunk. The trunk can hold up to 2 gallons of water, which elephants then squirt into their mouths. This amazing ability helps elephants survive in the wild, even during dry seasons.

Communication and Care

Elephants also use their trunks to talk and show emotions. They can touch or wrap trunks with other elephants as a greeting or to comfort each other. Mothers use their trunks to guide and care for their babies. The trunk is an important tool for both survival and social interaction.

Using the Trunk as a Tool

Sometimes, elephants use their trunks as tools. They can lift logs, pull down branches, or spray water to cool themselves. In the wild, the trunk helps elephants get food that might be hard to reach otherwise. It is like having an extra hand, strong and smart.

1. What is the main idea of the section "Eating and Drinking"?

A. Elephants eat only fruit and leaves.

B. Elephants use their trunks to get food and water and survive in dry seasons.

C. Elephants like to swim in rivers.

D. Elephants sleep a lot after eating.

2. What is the main idea of the section "Using the Trunk as a Tool"?

A. Elephants use their trunks to play games.

B. Elephants use their trunks like hands to lift, pull, and reach objects.

C. Elephants use their trunks to make noise.

D. Elephants are very tall and strong.

3. Which detail supports the main idea that elephants use their trunks for communication?

A. Elephants lift logs with their trunks.

B. Elephants can touch or wrap trunks with other elephants as a greeting.

C. Elephants use trunks to grab branches.

D. Elephants have over 40,000 muscles in their trunks.

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