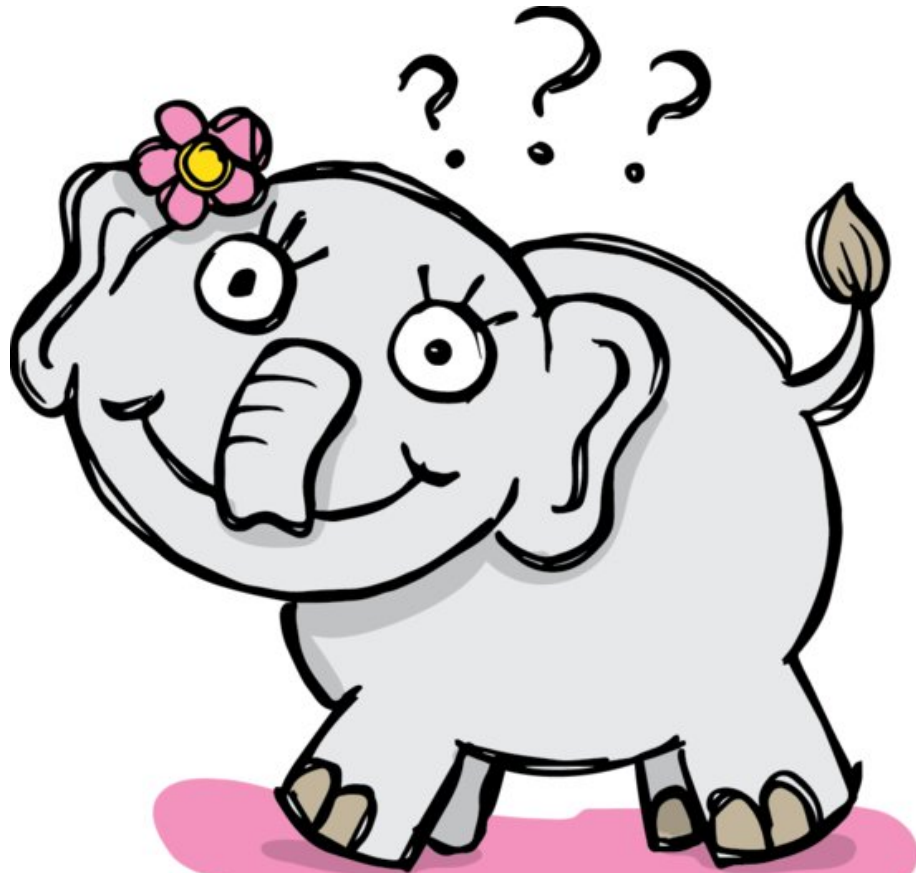
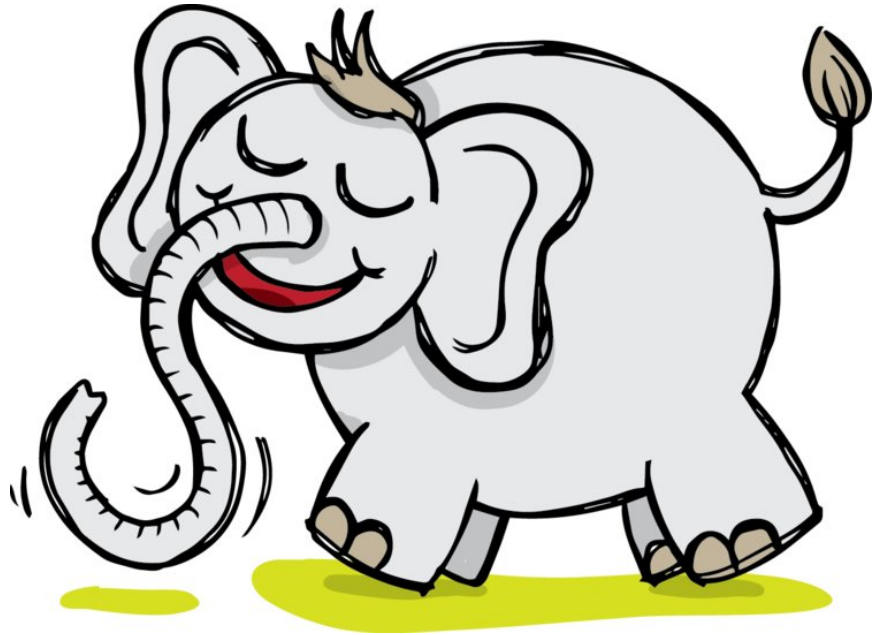


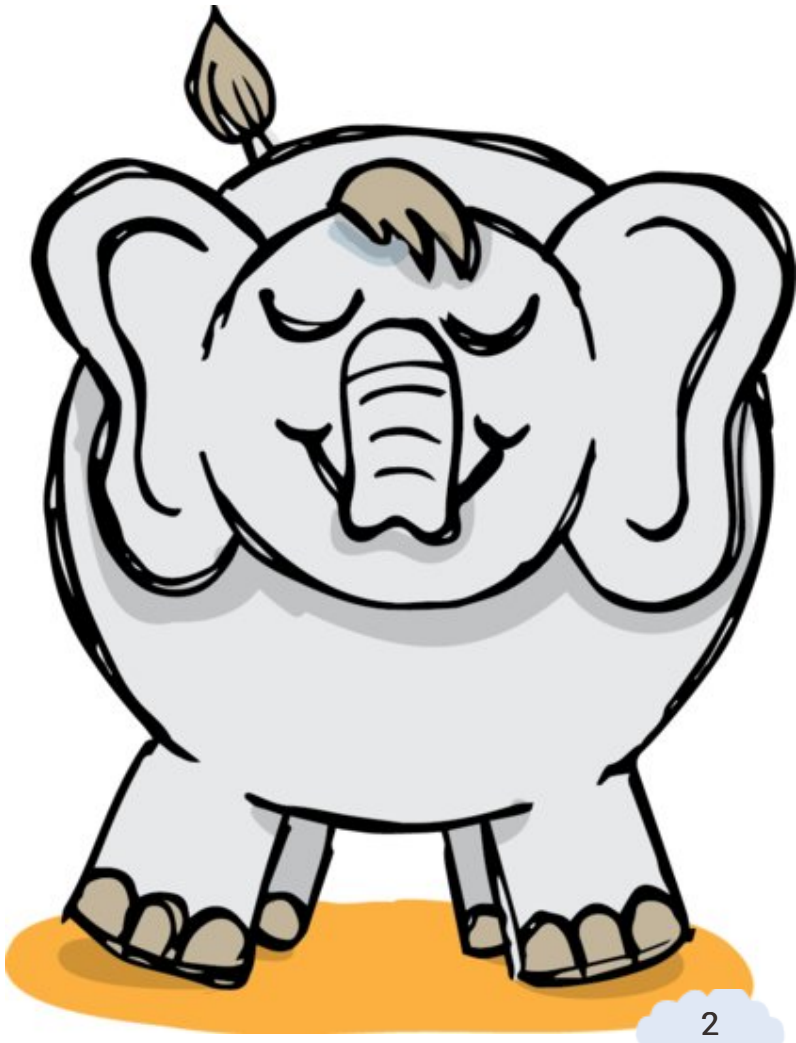
Curious baby elephant

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Everyone knows that the elephant has a very long nose.





But a long time ago, the elephant's nose was short and fat. Like a shoe in the middle of his face.

A curious baby elephant
was born. She had a
question for every animal.

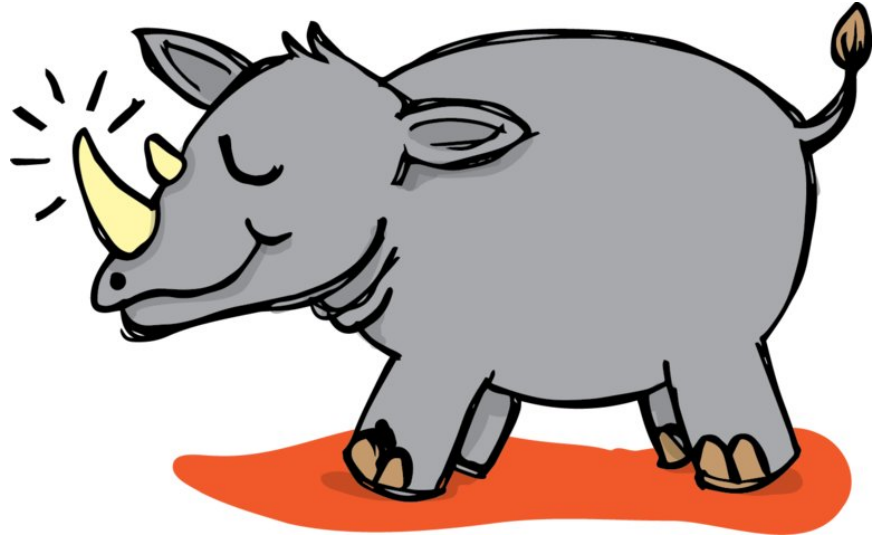


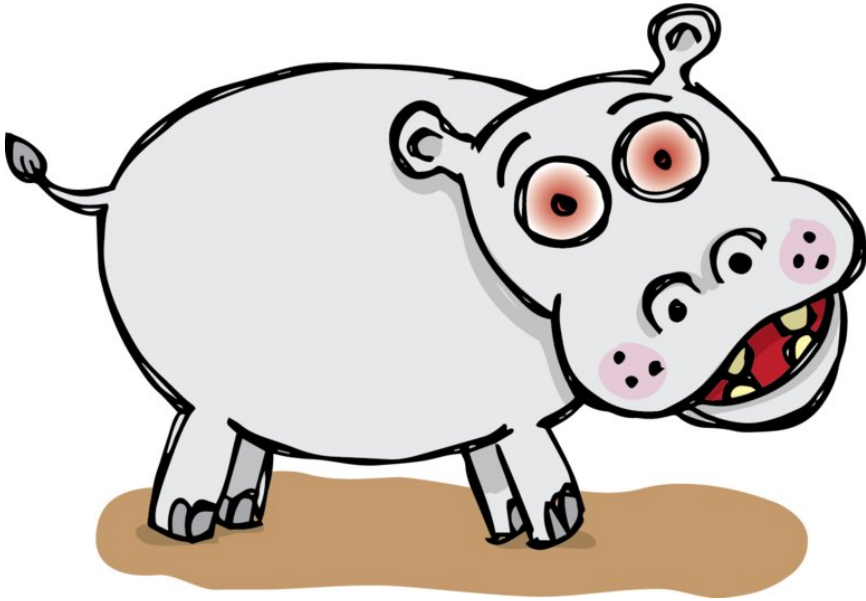


She was curious about Giraffe.

“Why do you have a long neck?” she asked.

She was curious about
Rhino.
“Why does your horn have
a sharp point?”

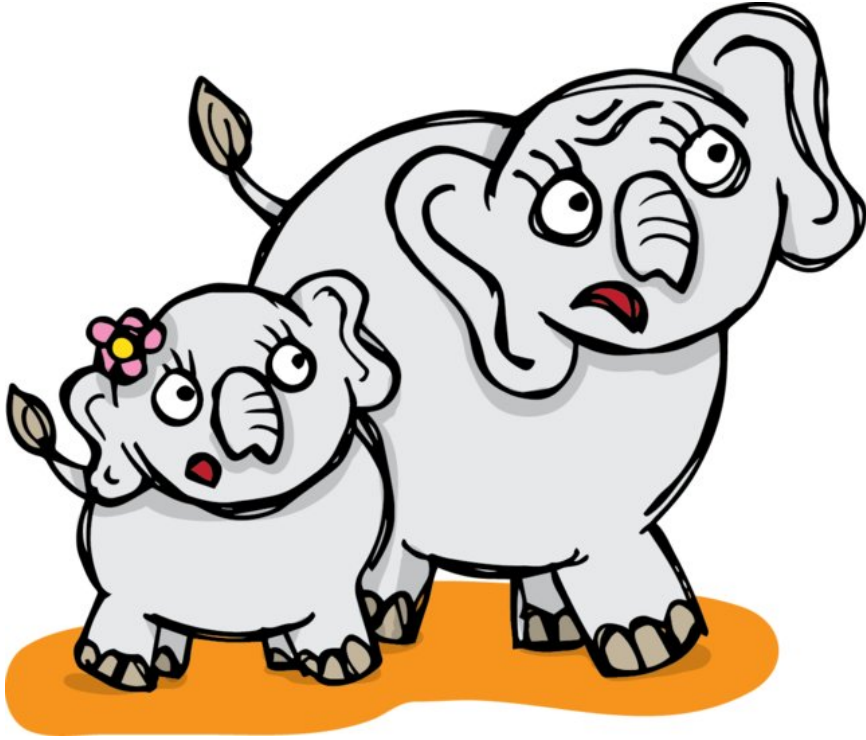




She was curious about Hippo.
“Why do you have red eyes?” she asked.

And she was VERY curious
about Crocodile.
“What does Crocodile eat
for dinner?”

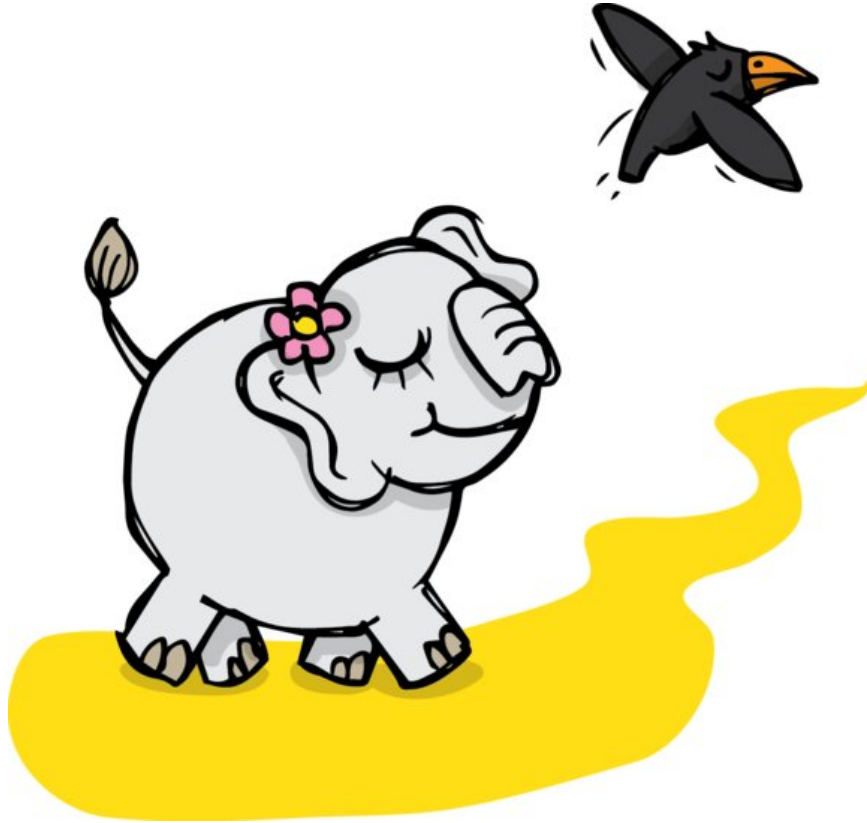




“Never ask a question like that!” said her mother. She walked off, frowning.

But clever Crow quickly said, "Follow me to the river. There you will see what Crocodile eats for dinner."

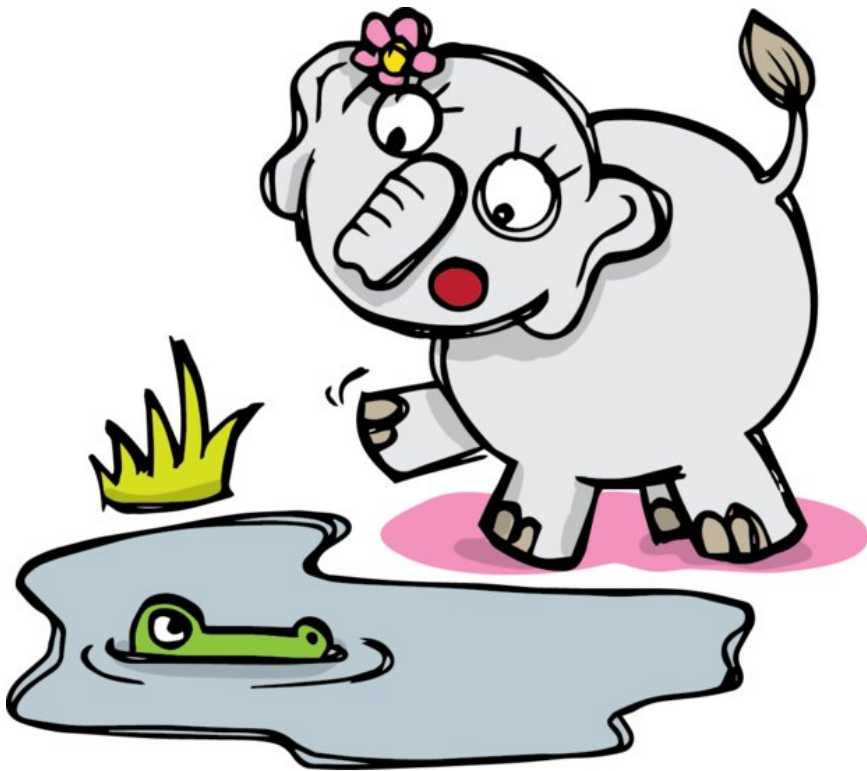




So Baby Elephant followed Crow all the way down to the river.

She pushed through the reeds and stood on the bank.
She looked into the water.
Where was Crocodile?





“Hello,” said a stone near
the river bank.

“Hello,” said Baby
Elephant.

“Perhaps you can tell me
what Crocodile eats for
dinner?”

“Bend down and I will tell
you,” said the stone.
“Lower, lower...”

So Baby Elephant bent
down lower, until...





“Snap!” Her nose was in the jaws of Crocodile.

“Crocodile will eat you for dinner!” squawked Crow.

Baby Elephant sat back on her strong legs and pulled, and pulled, and pulled.

But Crocodile did not let go.



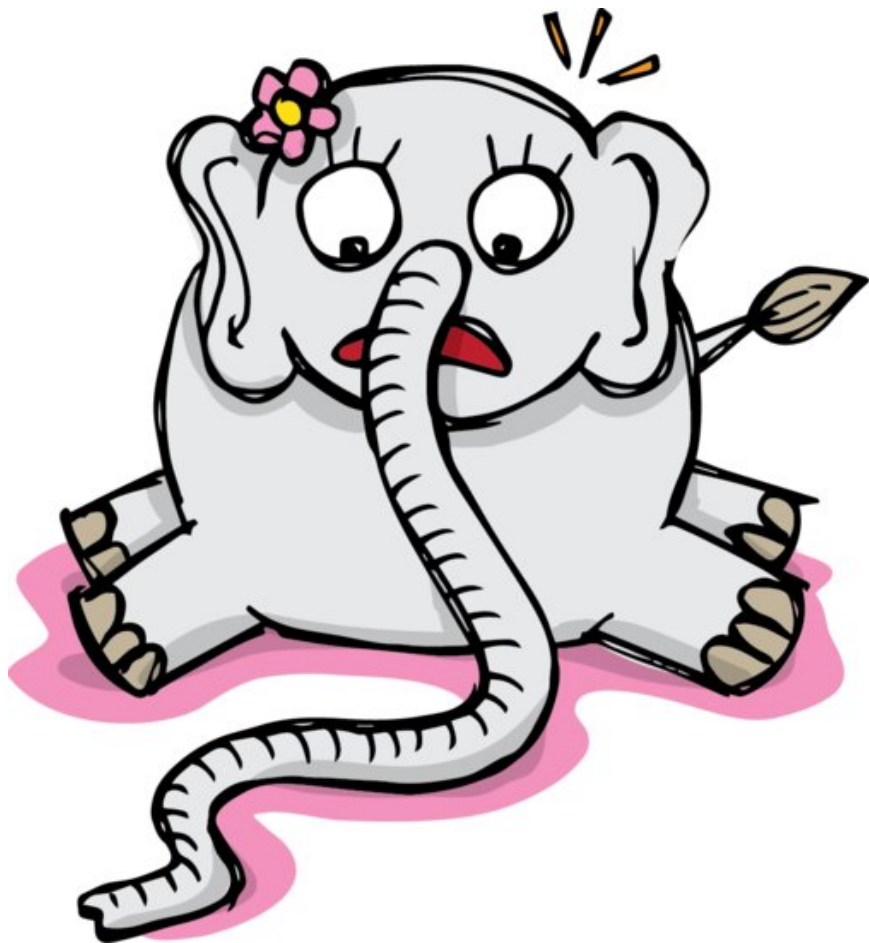


Baby Elephant's nose stretched, and stretched, and stretched, until...

"Duuffff!" she fell on her back.

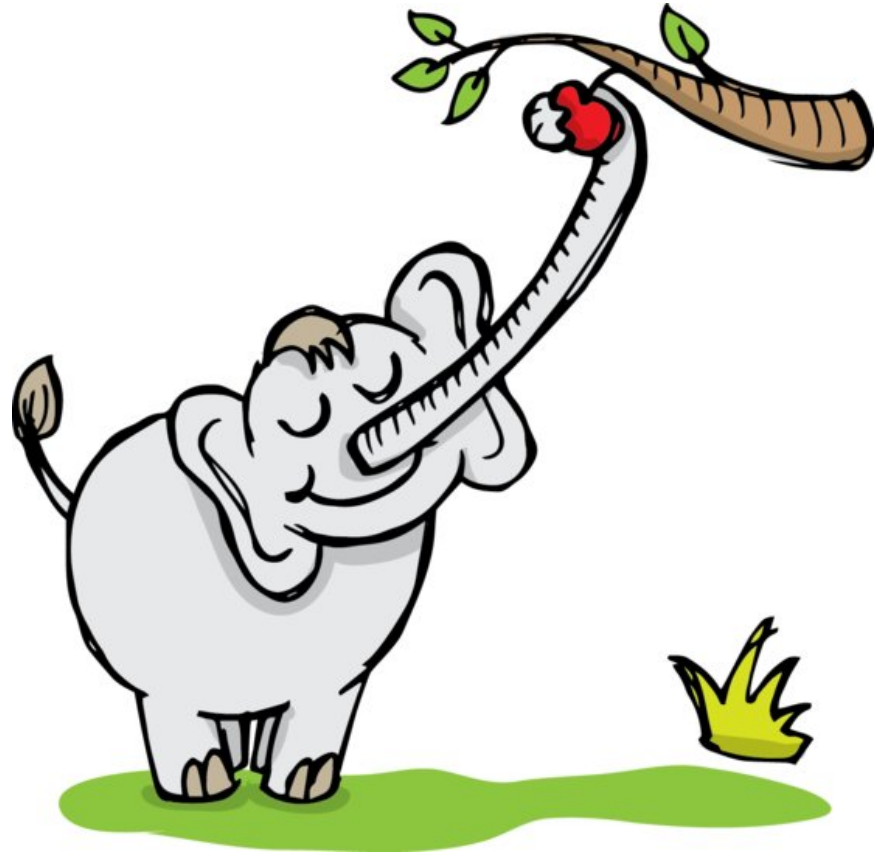
Cross at losing his dinner,
Crocodile slithered back
into the water.





Baby Elephant looked at
her nose.
She could not see where it
ended!

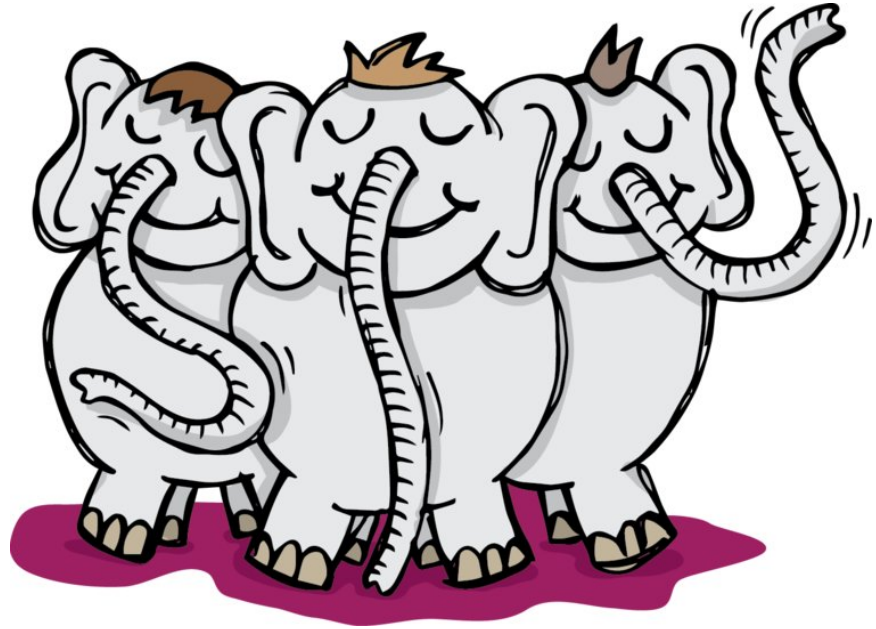
It was so long she could
pick fruit from high
branches.





And shower herself with water on a hot day.

And to this day, all elephants have very long and useful trunks.

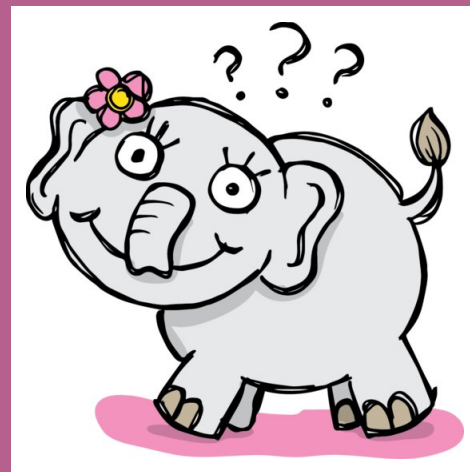


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