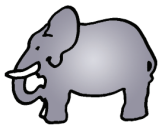




What a Nose!

An elephant's trunk is probably the most useful nose in the world. Of course, it is used for breathing and smelling, like most noses are. However, elephants also use their trunks like arms and hands to lift food to their mouths. They suck water into their trunks and pour it into their mouths to get a drink. Sometimes they spray the water on their backs to give themselves a cool shower. An adult elephant can hold up to four gallons of water in its trunk. Elephants can use their trunks to carry heavy things, such as logs that weigh up to 270 kilograms! The tip of the trunk has a little knob on it that the elephant uses like a thumb. An elephant can use the "thumb" to pick up something as small as a coin. Trunks are also used for communication. Two elephants that meet each other touch their trunks to each other's mouth, kind of like a kiss. Sometimes a mother elephant will calm her baby by stroking it with her trunk. Can your nose do all those things?

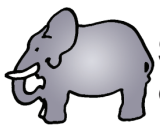
Find the statement below that is the main idea of the story. Write *M.I.* in the elephant next to it. Then find the details of the story. Write *D* in the elephant next to each detail. Be careful! There are two sentences that do not belong in this story.



Elephants use their trunks to greet each other, like giving a kiss.



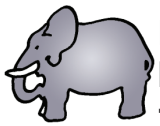
Elephants use their trunks to give themselves a shower.



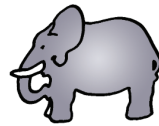
Some people like to ride on elephants.



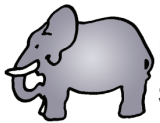
Elephants can carry heavy things with their trunks.



Mother elephants calm their babies by stroking them with their trunks.



Elephants use their trunks to eat and drink.



Elephants use their noses for smelling and breathing.



Elephants have very useful noses.



Giraffes are the tallest animals in the world.



On a piece of paper, finish this story: When I was on safari, I looked up and saw a herd of elephants. Underline the main idea.