

## *The Answers to the African Elephant Study Guide...*

- 1.) What is the largest land mammal on earth? **The African elephant**
- 2.) What is the IUCN status of African savannah elephants? **Vulnerable**
- 3.) How many muscles do they have in their trunks? **150,000**
- 4.) Thermoregulation is achieved from their large ears. True or false. **True**
- 5.) What are their tusks and when do they start to show? **Large incisors. They start to show at 2-years of age.**
- 6.) Elephants eat these things... **Grasses, fruits, leaves, and bark**
- 7.) Their trunks can hold only 1-gallon of water. True or False. **False**
- 8.) How is 1 way elephants communicate? **Via a low seismic rumble that can be heard over 2-miles away**
- 9.) What is the thickness of their skin and why is it wrinkled? **1-inch. It is wrinkled to help shield their skin from the hot sun.**
- 10.) How much can a newborn elephant weigh? **Up to 350 lbs.**
- 11.) What is the estimated number of elephants left in the wild? **415,000**
- 12.) Describe the evolutionary response some elephants have made in response to being poached for their ivory. **Some elephants have stopped growing tusks.**
- 13.) Do elephants have a favorite side? Do they favor 1 side over the other? Explain. **They are either right or left sided. This is seen by 1 of their tusks being more worn down than the other.**