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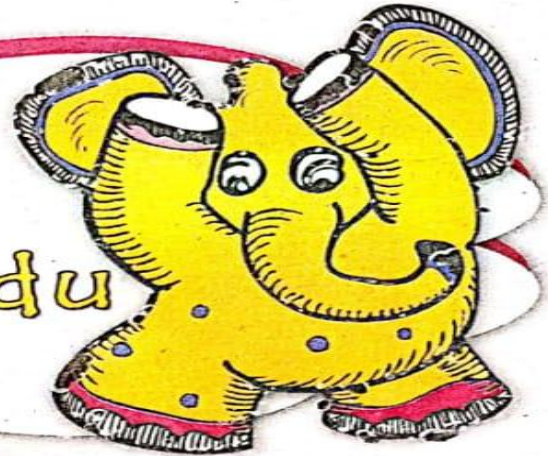
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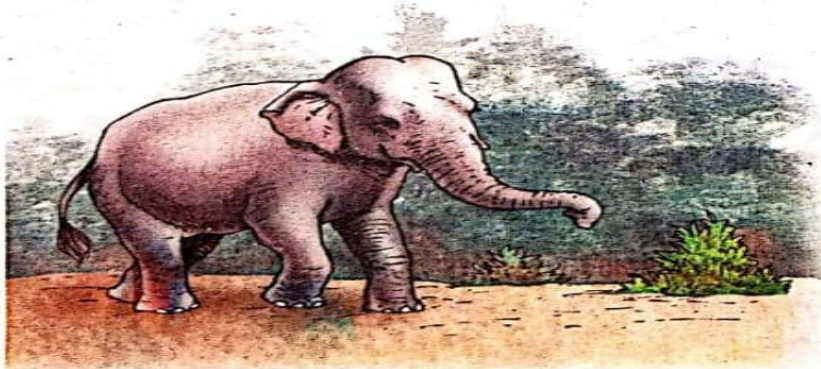
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### Nandu Wakes Up

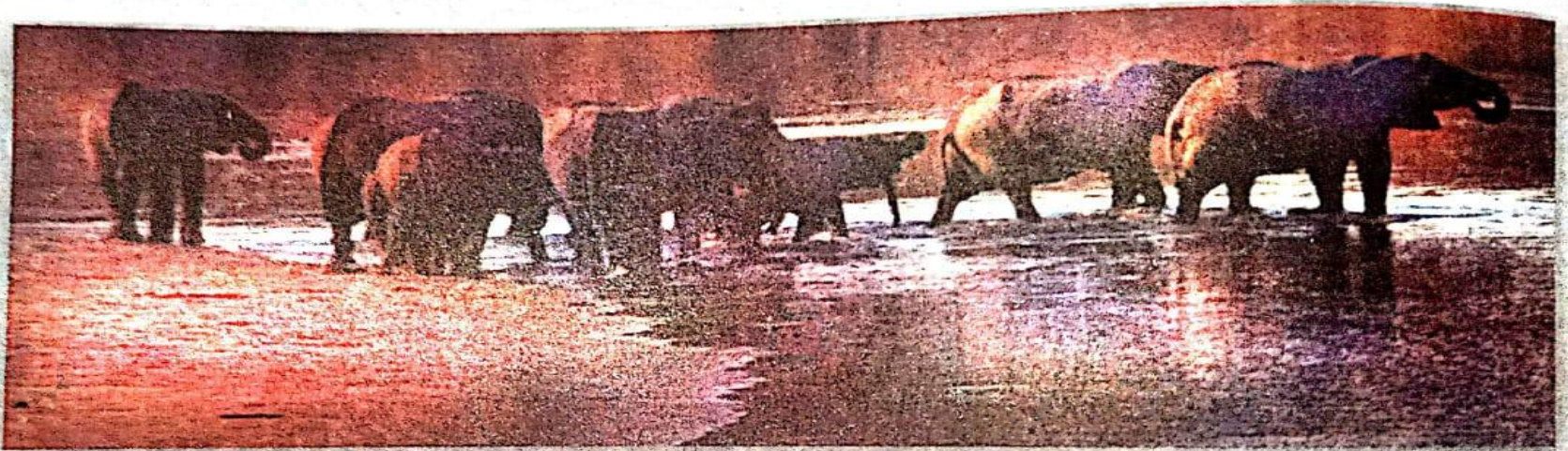
Nandu woke up and opened his eyes. For a few seconds he was not sure where he was. It seemed to him that he was surrounded by a forest of big grey tree trunks. He blinked his eyes and looked around. Oh! There was *Amma*.

The grey forest that he had imagined he was in, was actually the legs and trunks of his family members.



The sun was overhead and it was getting hot. *Nani ma* trumpeted – made a loud sound. *Nani ma* is the oldest in this herd of elephants. She started moving towards the jungle. The other female elephants saw her and started to follow her. Nandu also went with them.

When they reached the jungle, the members of the herd started spreading out. Each member went to eat her 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.



Do you know that an adult elephant can eat more than 100 kilograms of leaves and twigs in one day? 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.



## Fun and Games

Nandu saw his brothers and sisters pulling each other's tails. He thought, "I better not go near them. What if they fall on me? I am still small." He quietly went and stood near his mother.

*Amma* gently pushed Nandu towards the water, as if she was telling him to go and play. Nandu loved to play in the water. His cousins were already there. Just as he reached near, a strong fountain of water fell on his head. He got wet. Oh, this was the work of his naughty cousins. Nandu joined them in the game.

Before sunset, the herd started back towards the jungle. By then, Nandu was very tired. He settled himself between his mother's front legs and fell asleep as he drank her milk.

You have read about Nandu and the 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. Nandu will also leave his herd when he is that old.

# A DAY WITH NANDU

- ▣ Nandu is an elephant .
- ▣ Elephant moves in a group .
- ▣ A group of elephants is called a herd.



# Live in the herd

- ▣ Male elephant live in the herd till they are 14-15 years old . Then they leave the herd move alone.



# To keep cool

- ▣ Elephant have big ears that work like fans and help to keep them cool.





# Search of food

- ▣ They move around in groups in search of food.





Nandu is Playing with his Nani-Ma



▣ Elephants eat their favourite leaves and twigs

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▣ Baby Elephants enjoy playing in water.

# About Elephants



- ❖ Elephant can eat more than 100 kilograms of leaves and twigs in one day.
- ❖ Elephants sleep for only two to four hours in a day.
- ❖ Elephants love to play with mud and water.
- ❖ Their big ears also work like fans.

# Other Animals that live in herd

For Example.

- Musk Ox



- Zebra



- Giraffe



# The Trunk

An elephant's trunk is really a nose. They use their trunk to drink. They breathe through the trunk. They also use the trunk to break branches and to pick up food.



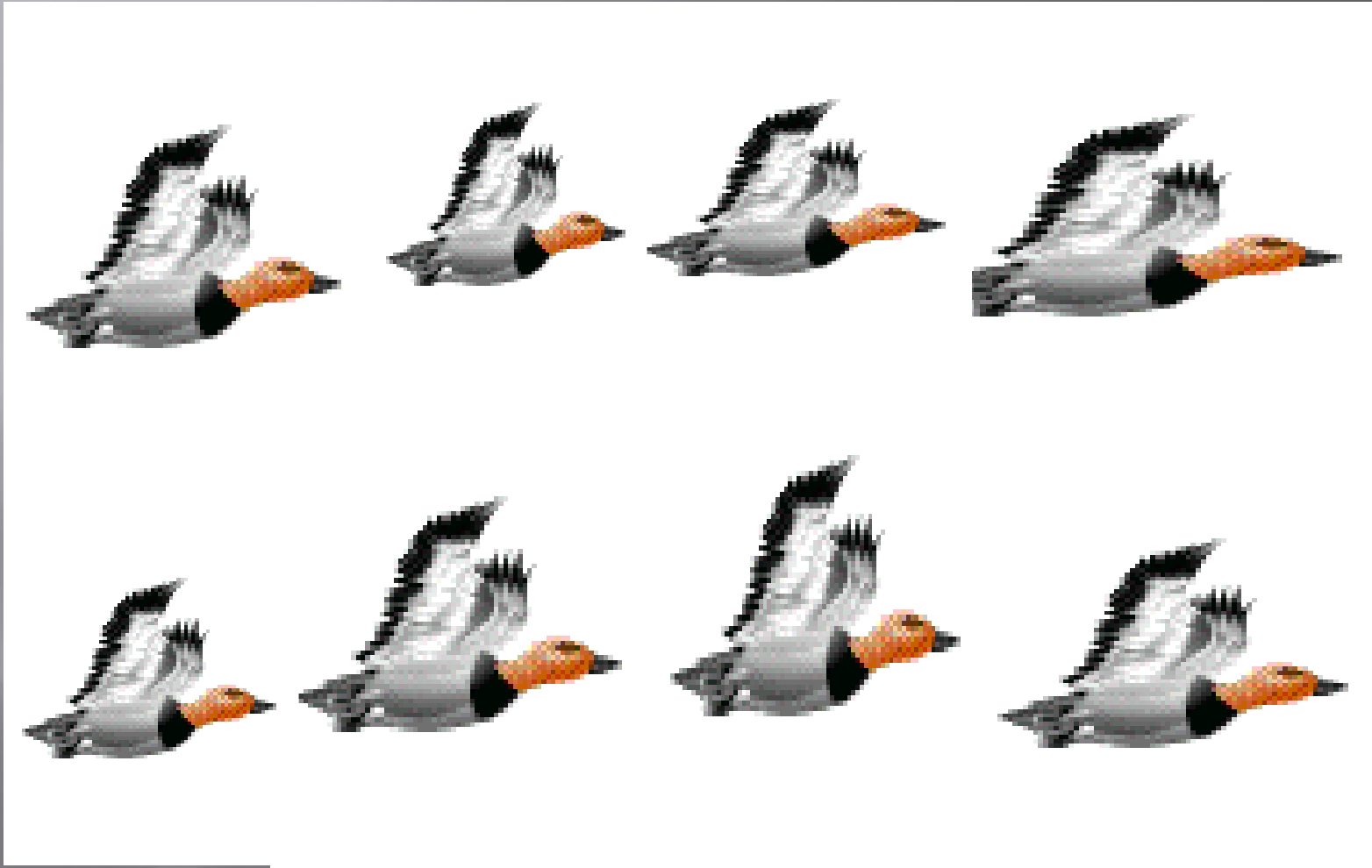
# Food



Adult elephants eat in the morning and evening. They eat lots of leaves and grass. They use their trunk to suck up water and then squirt it in their mouth.



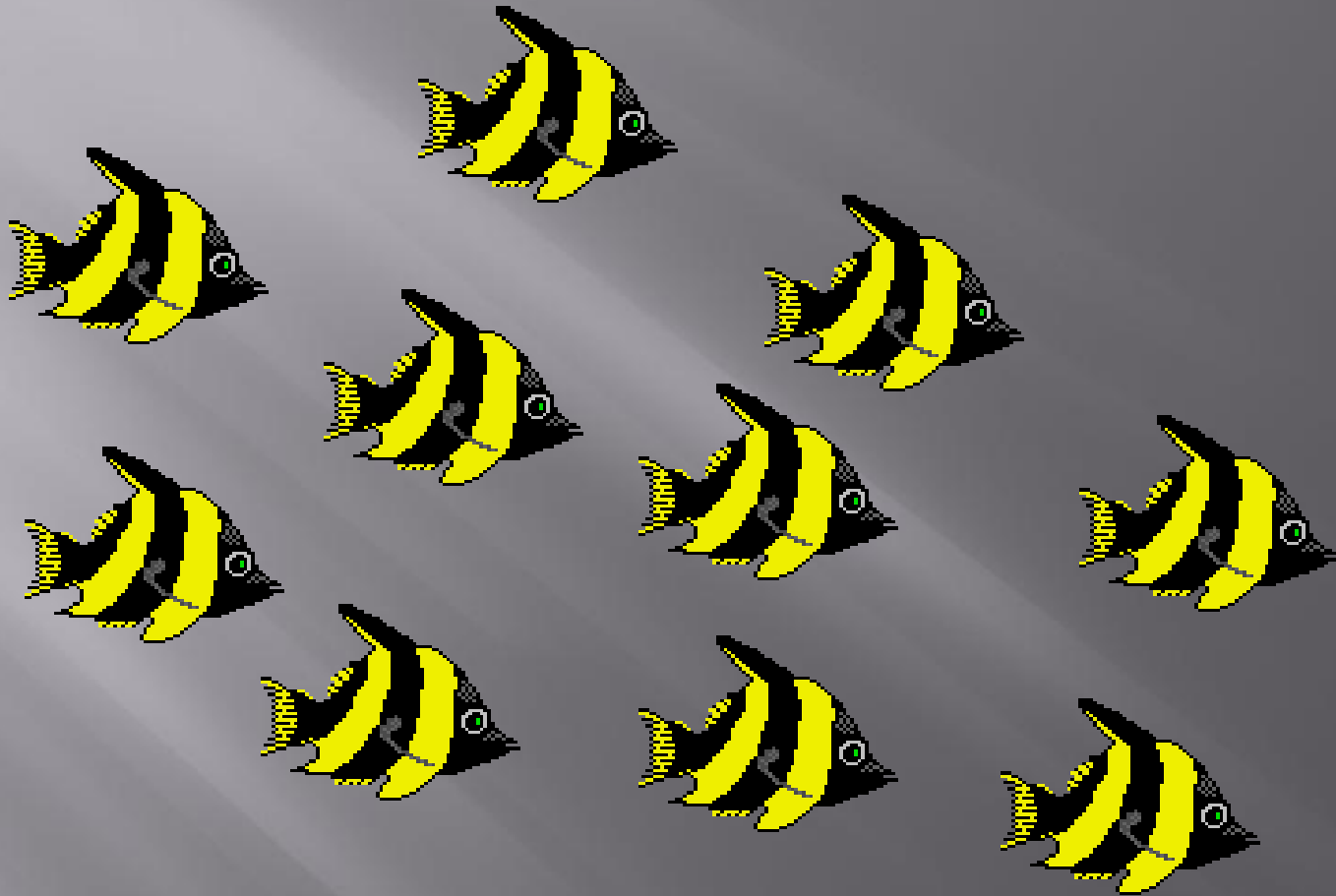
# A flock of birds



# A pack of wolves



# A shoal of fishes



# **Textbook Questions : Write and Learn**

**1. Nandu is only three months old, but he weighs 200 kilograms.**

**What is your weight?**

**Answer:** My weight is 25 kg.

**2. Can you find out the weight of how many children like you will add up to Nandu's weight?**

**Answer:** It's found that the weight of Nandu equals the sum of 8 children of my weight.

## **Fun and Games**

**1. If you were Nandu, and you lived in a herd, what kind of things would you do?**

**Answer:** If I were Nandu living in a herd I would play, dance, eat and dance an entire day. Later, the night I would sleep with my mother.

**2. In the elephant herd, the oldest female elephant decides everything. Who takes decisions in your family?**

**Answer:** Both my parents together take most of the decisions in my family.

**3. Nandu did things that he liked to do. If you could spend a whole day with your friends, what all would you do?**

**Answer:** I would like to play games, sing, dance, tell and listen to funny stories, eat and have lots of fun if I could spend a whole day with my friends.

**4. Find out and write, which other animals live in herds.**

**Answer:** Other animals that live in herds are deer, cows, horses, zebra, sheep, penguins, rhinos etc..

**5. How do elephants feel when they kept in chains? Discuss and share your feelings.**

**Answer:** When elephants are kept in chains they feel retrained and helpless to do anything. This will make the elephant feel sad and unhappy. Due to this elephant may react aggressively or they lie down around felling depressed for their lack of movement. I strongly feel that just like any other living being elephants too desire freedom and they should not be chained.

**6. Have you ever taken a ride on an elephant? How did it feel?**

**Answer:** Yes, I have taken a ride on an elephant and it felt thrilling and exciting.

**7. Which animals have you sat on? Write their names.**

**Answer:** I have sat on horse, elephant, camel and buffalo.

**8. You must have seen many animals around you – in books, in movies. Some may be alone, some in groups. Find out more about any one of these animals and write about it.**

**Answer:** I majorly see dogs around me. They are four foot animals who sleep during the day for 4 – 5 hours. They eat meat, rice, milk, bread etc... As they are active during the night they give security from thieves and also keeps an eye on our homes. If anything abnormal happens they'd attack or start barking loudly. Female dogs give birth to babies which are called puppies.

## Think and Write



**1. Why do you think the egret is sitting on the buffalo?**

**Answer:** The main reason why an egret sits on a buffalo is to eat flies, grasshoppers and other pests on the buffalo. By this way, the egret gets its food as well as the buffalo gets rid of germs and dirt. Hence, it's a mutual benefit for both.

**2. Have you seen any animal riding on another animal? Write its name.**

- **The animal which is riding.**
- **The animal which gives the ride.**

**Answer:** Yes, I have seen an oxpecker sitting on a zebra.

Hence, the animal which is riding is the oxpecker and the one which gives a ride is zebra.

**3. Which animals do we use for riding?**

**Answer:** Animals using for riding are horse, camel, donkey, camel and yak.

**4. Which animals do we use for carrying loads?**

**Answer:** For carrying loads buffalo, elephant, horse, donkey, yak and camel are used.



# **What do They Say?**

## **Discuss**

**1. You have read what these animals say. Why do you think that some of them are sad?**

**Answer:** Some the animals are sad as they are separated from their natural habitats. They are captured and put in circuses to entertain people where they are brutally treated to obey their master's order. Hence, the animals are feeling sad because they have lost their freedom to live or survive.

**2. How do you think they are different – the monkeys that dance to entertain people and the monkeys that are free?**

**Answer:** Yes, they both are different. The monkeys that are free are happier in comparison to those that dance to entertain people. Capturing animals and using them for our own benefits is against their wish. It makes them feel unhappy and depressed to the fact that they are being instructed by a human.