## Title: Compare/Contrast Asian \& African Elephants



## Standard(s) Addressed in Lesson

Read with Understanding

## Benchmark(s) Addressed in Lesson

R.3.1 - Identify purposes for reading (for example, to generate and answer questions about a topic, to solve problems).
R.3.5 - Use context clues (for example, cause and effect and compare and contrast relationships) to determine the meaning of words in texts.
R.3.8 - Understand meaning of some specialized content vocabulary (for example, "weather") and general academic vocabulary (for example, "combine", "technology").
R.3.12 - Use structural elements and organizational strategies (for example, problem and solution, cause and effect) to aid in comprehension of print and electronic texts.
R.3.15 - Draw conclusions about text using knowledge of main idea(s) and supporting details, consistent with complexity of the text.
R.3.16 - Construct meaning from text by evaluating relevance of prior knowledge and background reading to new information read.

## Materials

Computer with Internet access.
Website: http://www.english-zone.com/reading/elefants.html

## Learner Prior Knowledge

Basic knowledge of elephants
Basic computer skills

## Activities

Step 1 Introduce the reading comprehension topic of elephants by asking students to name a few facts about elephants. Ask if they know that elephants live in Asia and Africa.

Step 2 Direct students to website: http://www.english-zone.com/reading/elefants.html

Step 3 Point out that some of the text on the website is underlined, and when they move their mouse over that text and click it, a definition of that word will appear.

Step 4 Read the text and answer the 10 questions on the website.
Assessment/Evidence
Students can check their answers as they go and continue until all 10 questions are correct.

## Adaptations for Beginning Students

Teacher monitors and checks for understanding. Clarify any words not understood.

## Adaptations for Advanced Students

Advanced students may search other websites and look up topics of interest about elephants.

## Teacher Reflection/Lesson Evaluation

Teacher asks a few review questions from the Internet website. Read questions and ask for answers. See answers below.

ANSWERS TO THE 10 QUESTIONS:

1. 200 pounds
2. False
3. Drinking water and eating
4. I can't hear it.
5. Elephants' feet.
6. The African elephant
7. Smaller ears
8. The ears.
9. Human beings.
10. Never buy ivory!

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