## INTRODUCTION

Beginning readers will thoroughly enjoy the high-interest, fact-based stories in this book that are presented in a free-verse-like format. Repeated use of the basic vocabulary pertaining to each story prompts the reader to recognize the words so that reading it becomes easy and pleasurable. The diversified topics will engage the interest and attention of all young learners.

Three or four simple comprehensive questions at the end of each story test the reader's understanding of the content. An answer key is included.

E-Z Reading was designed for use with students whose reading level is grade 2.

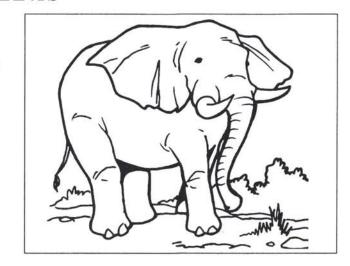
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## **ELEPHANTS**

I like to see elephants at the zoo.
Elephants are the biggest animals that live on land. Elephants have trunks.
Trunks are very long noses. I like to see elephants at the zoo.



Elephants can touch things with their trunks. They can push and pull

things. They can use their trunks to pick up food. I like to see elephants at the zoo.

If an elephant thinks there is danger, it can sniff the air with its trunk. If an elephant is angry, it can send air out of its trunk. That makes a loud sound. I like to see elephants at the zoo.

Best of all, an elephant can use its trunk as a hose. It can suck up and spray out water. It can drink the water, or it can give itself a shower. I like to see elephants at the zoo.

## **Answer the Questions**

- What is the biggest land animal?\_\_\_\_\_\_
- 2. What is the 'trunk' of an elephant?
- 3. What does an elephant use its trunk for? \_\_\_\_\_