



Chapter nine

# ELEPHANTS

Elephants live in Africa and Asia. They have a **trunk**. Trunks are a combination of a nose and upper lip.

Trunks have over 100,000 muscles. They're strong. They lift heavy loads. They're **nimble**. Nimble means able to move easily. Trunks have muscles on the tip. The muscles are like a finger. Trunks can do many things. They pick leaves from tall trees. They pluck grass. They drink water. They're used for showering.

Trunks are used to smell. They smell water several miles away. They're used to breathe. Elephants hold their trunks



*An elephant's sense of smell is one of the best of any mammal.*

above water. They walk across rivers. Trunks are used to make sounds. They are used to touch. Elephants talk to each other. They touch faces. They stroke. They hug.