

Design Your Own Jumbo Lunchbox!



Jumbo the elephant was very famous more than 100 years ago! He was so popular that his picture was added to everything from plates, bottles, and jugs to handkerchiefs. But we have never seen a **Jumbo lunchbox**! Could you design one that features Jumbo?

Print out this picture of a metal lunch box. Then create a design you would love to take school. Draw Jumbo or your favorite animal – perhaps your pet, an animal you have seen at the zoo, or a cartoon animal. Use your imagination!





Jumbo the Elephant Fact Sheet

Knowing a little more about Jumbo may help you draw your lunchbox picture! (But feel free to use your imagination and be creative, of course.)



Jumbo was an **African elephant**, the type that has very large ears. This photo of an adult African elephant shows its long tusks. Notice the shape of his head and where the ears attach to the top of the head. There is almost a straight line across, from ear to ear!

Now look at this photo of an **Asian elephant**. What do you see that is different? The ears are much smaller and the head has two big “bumps.” Asian elephants are easier to train so they are used more often in circuses. Today many circuses do not use performing elephants because the practice is seen as cruel.



Jumbo was about 11 feet high at the shoulders, a taller than average elephant. It would take two humans of average height to equal Jumbo's height. What is the average height of an adult human? (Google it!) _____

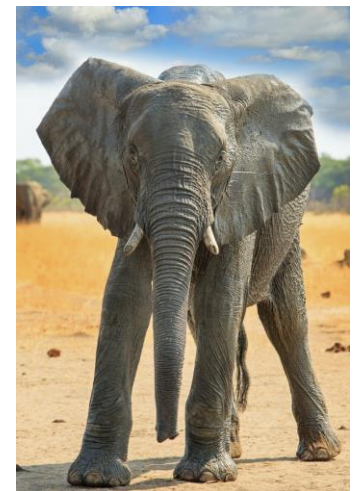
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Jumbo weighed between 6 and 7 tons! One ton equals 2000 pounds. That means Jumbo weighed between 12,000 and 14,000 pounds. Compare that to the average weight of a car: 2 tons or 4000 pounds. That means:



The trunk is about 6 to 7 feet long and has thousands of muscles! The elephant can use it as a tool for many things besides putting food in his mouth. The end of an African elephant's trunk has two "finger-like" tips that help grab food. Asian elephants have just one.

Jumbo grew long white tusks, but for human safety the tusks were cut short to just a few inches long, as was done on the elephant shown at right.



Elephants have very large toe nails! African elephants have 4 toenails on their front feet and 3 on their back feet. Asian elephants have more: 5 on the front and 4 on the back.

(Photo by Abhishek Gerald)