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Herbivores

Many of us mammals are herbivores. We feed only on vegetation: grass, leaves, and other plant matter. Our enemies are meat-eaters, the carnivores. Grouping together in herds is one way to defend ourselves—that's strength in numbers, you see. Another way is to be extremely large, like an elephant ...

What does an elephant use its trunk for?

My trunk is like your nose. It helps me to smell things. But it has a lot more uses than that. It's very handy for picking up leaves and putting them in my mouth. With the help of my trunk,

I can reach up to high branches where the leaves are tastiest. I also like to eat fruit and, if I'm really hungry, I'll eat the branch as well!



Why do giraffes have such long necks?

Compared to other animals, we giraffes have very long necks indeed. Leaves are our main food. Thanks to our long necks, we can reach up to the highest tree-top branches where the shoots and leaves are juiciest. I use my long black tongue to strip them off.

The elephant and the rhinoceros feed from the lower branches. The gerenuk rears up on its hind legs, but it can't reach as high as I can!

