Zooworks.
I am talking about an animal
That is big and loud.
It also has feelings like happy and proud.
It's helpful and great and
Helps us appreciate animals.
It's smart and kind,
When other animals come around it doesn't mind.
This creature I was talking about
Is joyful and elegant-
I was talking about an elephant!
Celia W., age 12

## Sage P. age 7



Aabha T., age 8


Abigail P., age 12

Elephants are big beautiful creatures.
Elephants have many amazing features!
They have big beautiful eyes with long lashes Wherever they walk, anything under their feet smashes. They have a long and useful trunk and big beautiful ears! When their beautiful babies are born, everyone cheers! May these big beautiful creatures survive for many many years!!!


Ben P., age 8


Josie G., age 7


Susie A., age 6


Laura B., age 11

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1 Cut out the body. Add details. Glue it to the card.


3 Glue the spring in place.


Cut out the head. Add details.
Glue it to the spring. (See finished card.)


## Picture Postcard Eye-Clue

Pretend you've traveled to an exotic continent to learn more about elephants. Create a picture postcard to send to your friends back home. Draw an elephant on the front of your postcard. Make sure your drawing gives your friends a clue about the elephant's continent. Remember African and Asian elephants look different from one another.

What's going on in this cartoon by John Heine? Why would an elephant go to a concert? What is special about this elephant? What has it lost? What was made from the ivory taken from the elephant? How do you think the elephant feels? How do you think the piano player will feel when he sees the elephant? Why do pianos made or sold in the United States now have keys made of plastic? Now try writing a caption for the cartoon.


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## Elephant Wordsearch

Hidden in this puzzle are words mentioned in this book. Look forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally. As you find each word, circle it. Use the word bank for help. Good luck!


## Burmese Kalaga Textile Art



A folk artist used sequins, metallic threads, and beads to make this scene with elephants. The artist lives in a place called Myanmar, formerly known as Burma. Can you find Myanmar on a map of the world? Based on the country's location, what kind of elephants do you think these are?
You might try making your own Kalaga textile art. Collect sequins, beads, and colorful threads. Stitch a design on a piece of cloth. Add beads and sequins.

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## A Shapely Animol

## Part One

Someone has taken letters away from the alphabet. Can you discover which ones? Follow these steps to do so:

1. Figure out which letters are missing from each strip, one strip at a time. Write each set of missing letters near the strip it's from.
2. Unscramble the letters to discover four color words. (Red is an example of a color word-but it's not in this puzzle.) Write the color word above the shape that goes with the strip. When you find all four colors, move on to Part Two of this puzzle.

Are you up to the challenge of completing this two-part puzzle? In the first part, you will unscramble four words. If you do so successfully, you will be able to try your hand at the second part and make a special picture.
Your instructions, assuming you accept this challenge, are below. It's okay to get help from an adult.

## Part Two

An artist used different shapes to create a picture of a special animal. That animal is hiding in the picture below. Follow these steps to reveal the animal:

1. Color the 3 -sided shapes of the puzzle the color described by the word you unscrambled from the missing letters in the top strip.
2. Color the 4 -sided shapes the color that matches the unscrambled word from the right strip.
3. Color the 5 -sided shapes the color from the bottom strip.
4. Color the 6 -sided shapes the color from the left strip.

