

Topic - Hair, feathers and skin

Key stage 2 worksheet - activity one:

Fill in the blanks with these words

Protect	Longest	Blood	Flexible	Bristly	Rough
Insect	Wiry	Cool	Hair	Trunk	wrinkly

An elephant has _____ on its neck, along its back, on the end of its tail and there are _____ hairs all along the trunk. An elephant's eyes are quite small, but it has very long eyelashes to _____ the eyes from sun and dust. The _____ hairs, however, are on the end of the tail. They can grow to 75cm long and are thick, _____ and glossy black.

The skin is generally thick and _____, but surprisingly sensitive. An elephant can detect a small _____ on its skin and swat it off accurately, either with its _____ or with the hairs on the end of the tail.

The _____ skin traps moisture which, evaporates, produces a cooling effect.

The thinner _____, skin on the ear flaps is filled with _____ vessels.

Flapping its ears in the air also helps to _____ the elephant down.

