

***“AN ANIMAL’S WORLD –
THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT”
(1999)
A VIEWING GUIDE***

Directions: Please complete this viewing guide as you enjoy the video!

1. Explain what the narrator means by the phrase, "Size is the secret of the elephant's success."
2. What adaptation do elephants possess to help lessen the shock and strain on their feet?
3. What is the reason for the elephant's baggy skin?
4. Give an example from the video that shows how the elephant's trunk tells us something about its mood.
5. Why are elephants thought to have such poor eyesight? List some of the reasons.
6. How is elephant baby care similar to primate baby care? (Hint: primates are critters like chimps, gorillas & us!)
7. What does the elephants' "secret language" consist of?
8. Explain what the narrator means by the phrase, "Elephants are the farmers of the African plains."
9. Explain why genetic tusklessness is on the rise among African elephants.
10. What is it about the bones and tusks of their dead relatives that elephants can apparently sense?

