

Primary Worksheets: Mammoth



Mammoths were hairy elephants that lived in cold climates over 4,500 years ago. They were killed off by hunters and climate change.

Like their elephant relatives, mammoths were quite large. The largest species stood at heights of 4 meters and weighed up to 12 tons!

Both male and female mammoths had tusks that can grow at a rate of 2.5cm to 15cm per year. Young mammoths have a small set of tusks and get replaced by adult tusks at the age of around 18 months.



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The mammoth had different diets that depended on location. For most species of mammoths, their diet was mainly grazing, feeding on leaves, trees, and shrubs.

The woolly mammoth was the last species that lived. The reason for their extinction is yet to be agreed on. It has been argued that climate change caused damage to their environment. It has also been said that hunters went after these animals for their fur and meat.

It was also suggested that humans would live inside a dead mammoth because of its warmth.



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The bodies of mammoths survived for thousands of years because they were trapped in ice. The frozen remains were found by humans and used for study.

Mammoth remains have been found on every continent except for Australia and South Africa. Scientists believe that mammoths lived between 1.8 million and 10 thousand years ago!

There are old paintings of the animals on the walls of caves in Europe. The paintings provided more clues about mammoths, telling us how humans viewed them.

A fun fact, their ears were smaller than elephants as it was believed it kept them warmer!



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Answer the questions.

What is a mammoth?

What do they look like?

How do we know they are real?



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Answer the questions.

Where can we not find mammoth remains?

What did they eat?

Why are they extinct?

