




# Animal Antics Excerpt

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Trivia quiz:  
What do you know  
about elephants?

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Asian elephants are native to Asia and have smaller ears and smoother skin than African elephants, whose large ears resemble the continent of Africa.

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True \_\_\_\_ False X

Pachyderm *does* mean thick skin, but elephants’ skin is also uncommonly sensitive. They can feel a fly landing and will spray themselves with water or roll in dust and mud to protect themselves from the sun and biting insects.

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So versatile that it is made up of *40,000* muscles!

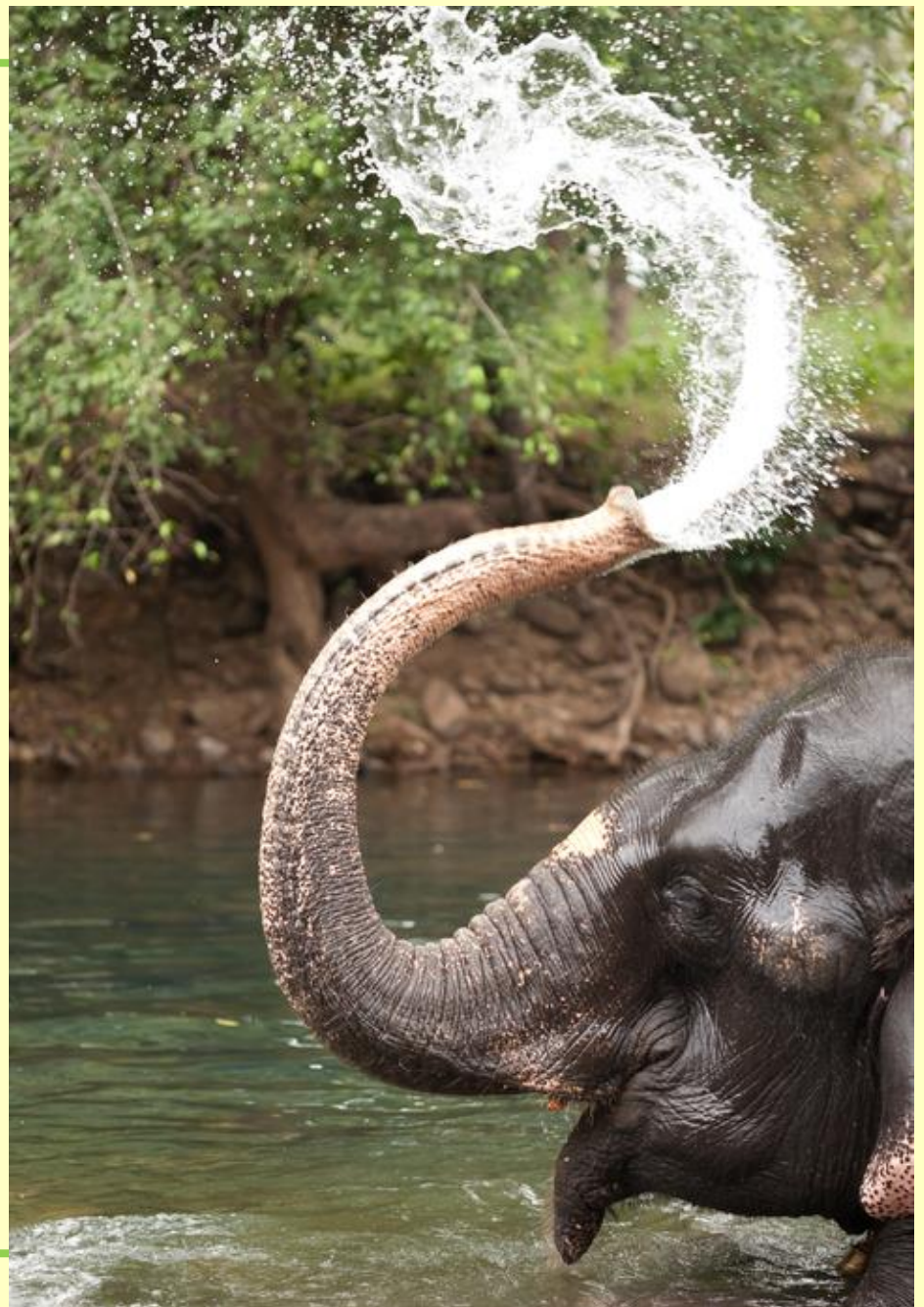


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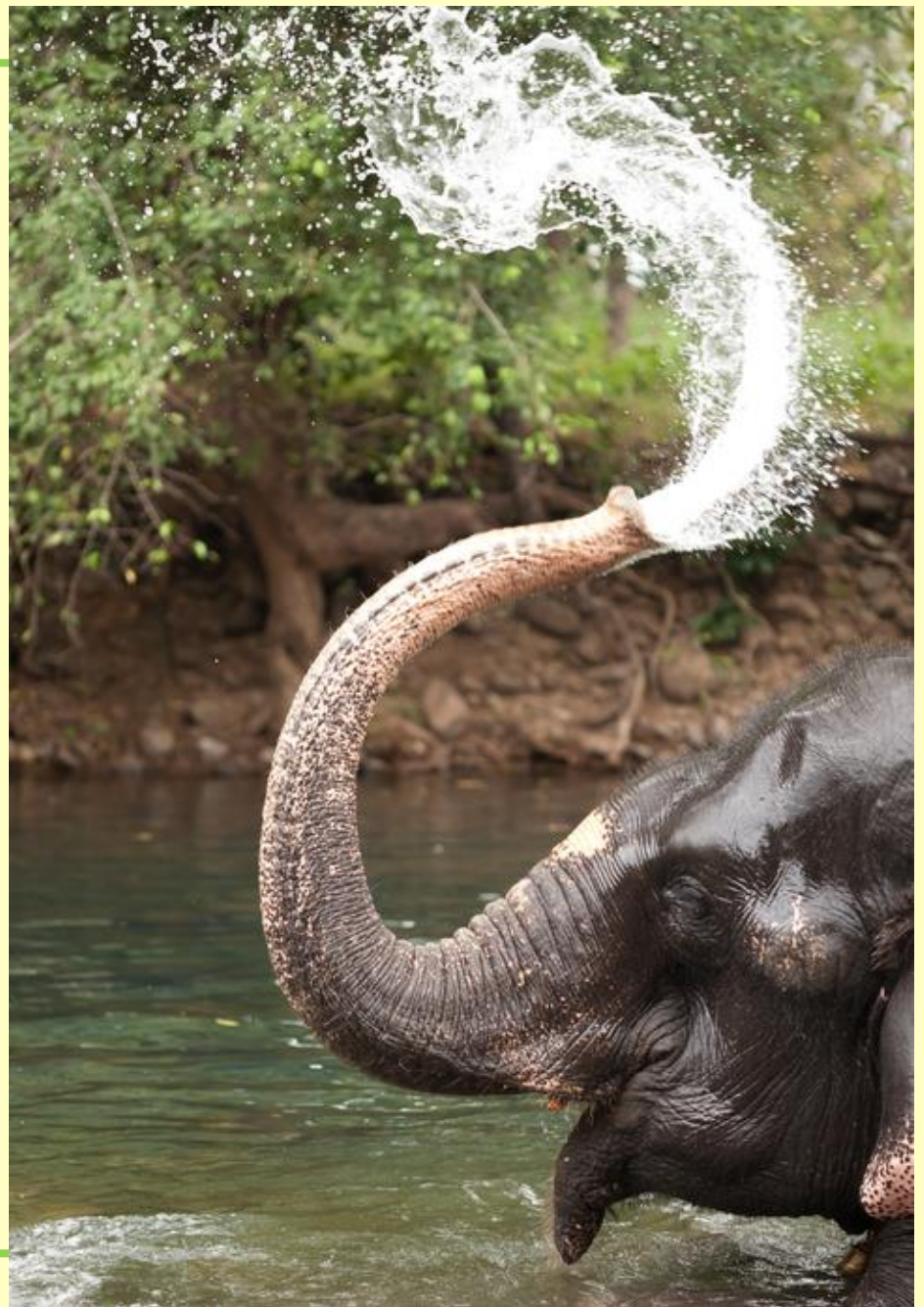
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They suck water into their trunks, then pour it into their mouths.





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A photograph of two giraffes in silhouette, standing in a savanna landscape. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, orange and yellow glow. The giraffes are positioned in the middle ground, with their long necks and heads clearly visible against the bright sky. The background shows a line of trees and a hazy horizon.

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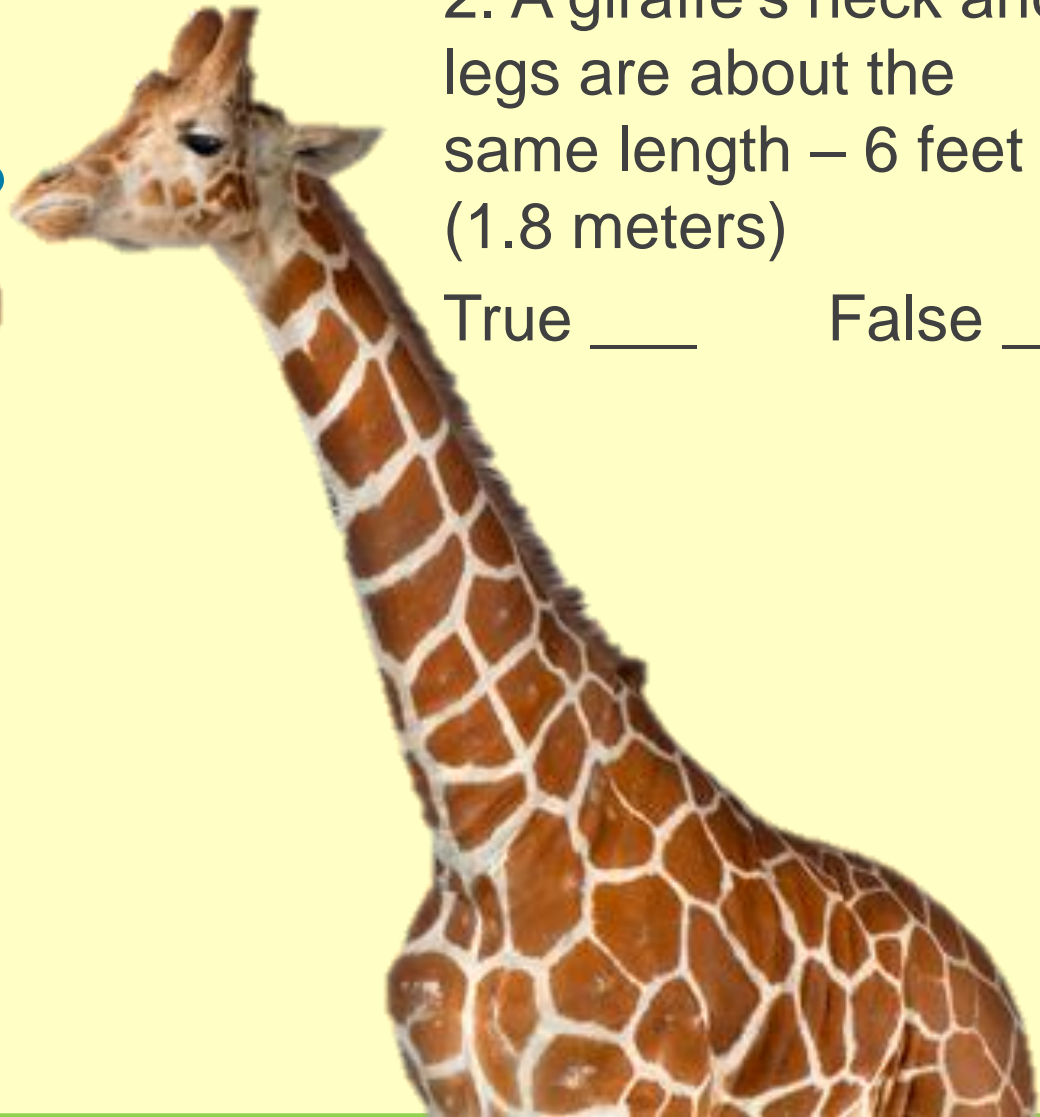
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A giraffe's blue-black tongue is 18 to 20 inches (46 to 50 cm) long, so it *could* clean its ears with it, but does it?



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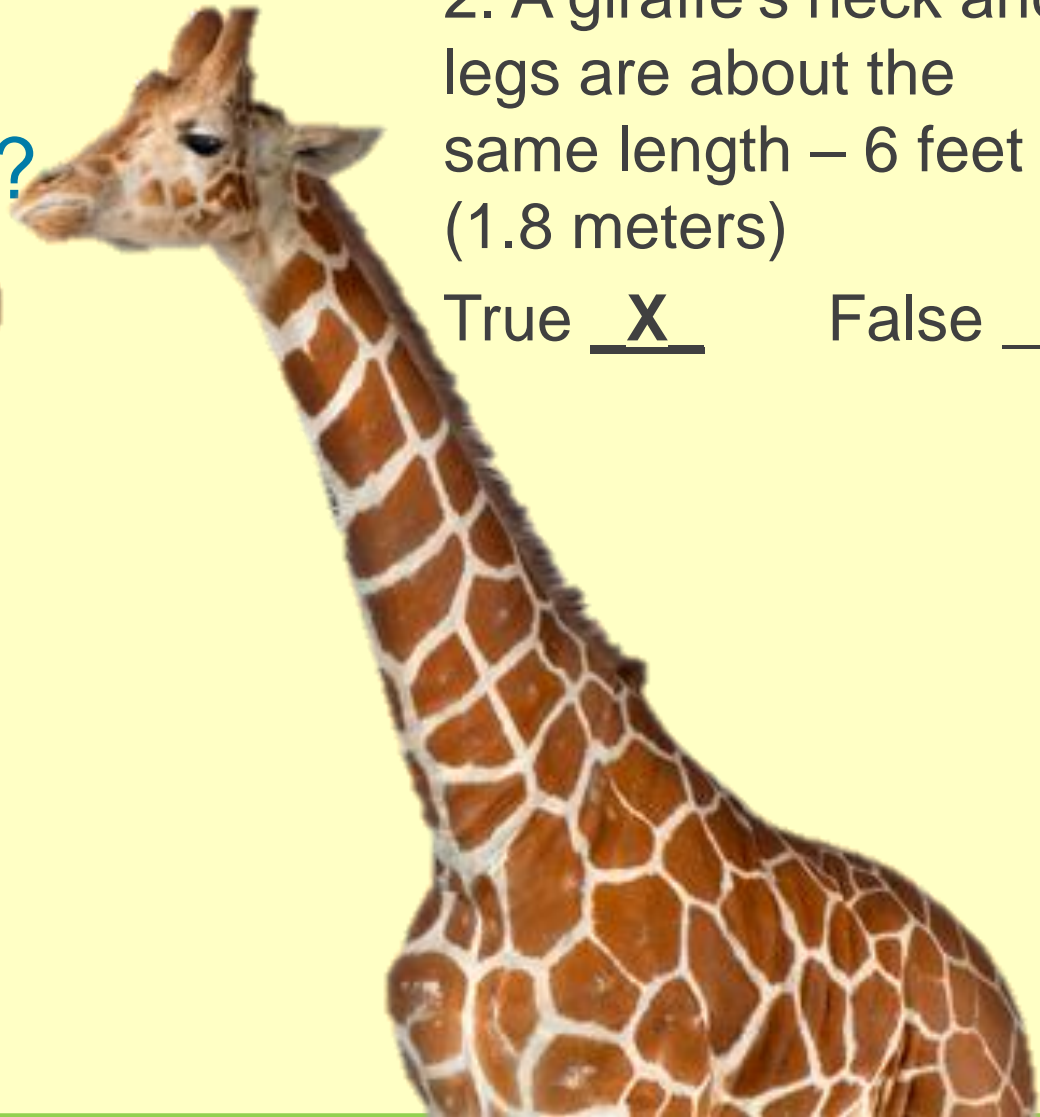


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They're called ossicones.





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It pumps 16 gallons (60 liters) of blood per minute compared to a human of around 1.3 gallons or 5 liters per minute

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True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_



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True \_\_\_ False X

Its natural enemies are lions and crocodiles. It's vulnerable to the latter because it must bend its neck deeply and put itself in an awkward spread-legged position to drink from a pond. It is easily grabbed by a croc.



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