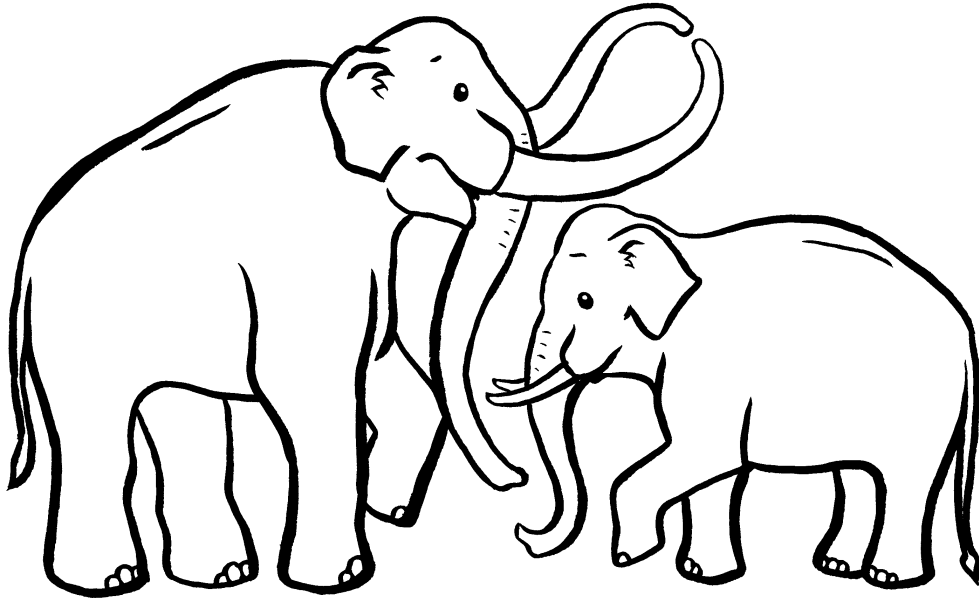


What is a Mammoth?



Mammoths were a kind of elephant that lived during the Ice Age. They have gone extinct, which means none of them live anymore. Elephants and mammoths both have a long nose called a trunk, which can grab their favorite food, grass. The difference is mammoths are bigger than elephants and have longer tusks. Tusks look like horns, but they really are teeth.

Look at the picture above. On the left is a Columbian (say “cuh-LUM-be-un”) mammoth. It lived in Canada, the United States, and Mexico until it went extinct ten thousand years ago. On the right is an Asian elephant. It lives in India and Southeast Asia. Asian elephants are dying out, but some people are protecting them so they won’t go extinct like mammoths.

1. What do you call the things that look like horns on an elephant’s face?
2. Name a country Columbian mammoths lived in.
3. What was a mammoth’s favorite food?
4. What does it mean if an animal is “extinct”?