

# Exploring Through our Senses

Cross-curricular - Week 3



We have been learning how our senses help us to explore the world around us.

Our eyes let us see, our ears let us hear, our skin helps us feel, our nose lets us smell and our tongue lets us taste.

Make a Touch Board!

Choose five things from the list below, and find something that feels like them! Have a family member try to guess what each item feels like.

1. Chick
2. Fish
3. Caterpillar
4. Bird
5. Frog
6. Worm
7. Sheep
8. Mud
9. Pussywillow
10. Twig

Soft Bumpy Sharp  
Slimy Fluffy Warm  
Smooth Cold Rough

Your touch board gives examples of what different animals may feel like.

Sometimes we have to wear special clothes to protect our senses. When it's cold out you wear gloves to protect your hands. When working, some grown ups have to wear special glasses, or ear muffs.



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Read the story (or have someone read it to you) about Shanthi the Elephant.

Before

What do you think this story is about?  
What do you think will happen?

During

What do you think might happen next?  
How do you think the story will end?

After

Did you like this story? Why?  
What questions do you have about Shanthi?  
About other animals' needs?

## Zoo orders huge shoes for one of its elephants

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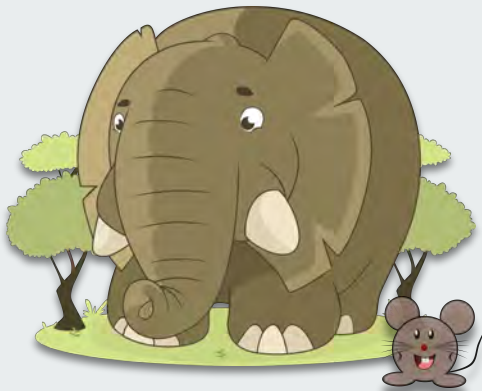
Shanthi is an Asian elephant. She is 41 years old. She lives at the National Zoo. It is in Washington, D.C.

Shanthi's feet hurt. She has arthritis. It hurts her to walk. It caused problems in Shanthi's front feet. She has cracks in her toenails. She has sores on her skin.

Zoo workers fixed Shanthi's sore feet. She wears the world's biggest pair of shoes.

They really look more like boots. They were made just for Shanthi. They are about a size 20. That is really big. The boots are also very wide. Each shoe looks like a birdbath.

www.nationalzoo.org



- How big do you think an elephant's foot really is?
- Find something in your house that is the size of an elephant's foot.
- What shape is closest to an elephant's foot?
- How big is a mouse's foot?
- Can you find something at home that would be the size of a mouse's foot?
- What shape would be closest to a mouse's foot.

It's your turn to make up a special piece of protective clothing.

- You could invent something for a pet that you own.
- Or, you could invent something to protect the creature you invented last week.
- Draw a picture of your special, protective clothing, and then write about what you invented, how to make it, and how it protects.

Protective Clothing

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