

# COUNTDOWN

**Title of Close Reading Text: Big Times: Elephants!**

**Learning Intention:**

I am learning to analyse the features of informative texts to comprehend their meaning so that I can understand what I read and make inferences about ideas.

**Success Criteria:**

- I can identify key information in a text
- I can examine how texts are organised
- I can consider why author's make choices about how to organise information

Reading	Text-Dependent Questions	Outcome:
<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> What it says.</p> <p><b>Key ideas and details</b></p>	<p>Read the title, what do you predict the article will be about?</p> <p>What is the subject of the article?</p> <p>What are three things you learnt about elephants from reading the article?</p> <p>Who is the article intended for?</p>	<p>EN2-RECOM-01 AC9E3LY05</p>
<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> How it says it.</p> <p><b>Craft and Structure</b></p>	<p>How has the information been organised?</p> <p>What is the purpose of the subheadings?</p> <p>Can you think of subheadings that could be used in place of those in the article and that summarise the information in each section?</p>	<p>EN2-RECOM-01 AC9E3LA03</p>

<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Reading</b></p> <p>What it means.</p> <p><b>Language features, sentence structures, visual components, text cohesion, repetitions devices</b></p>	<p>Why does the author compare the size and weight of elephants to the size and weight of an average-sized eight-year-old child?</p> <p>Why has the author used rhetorical questions, such as:  How big is big?  What do these guys eat to grow so big?  And just how many types of elephants are there?</p> <p>How do the photos and the illustrations support the ideas in the article?</p> <p>Can you find any words that have been repeated multiple times in the article? Why do you think those words have been repeated?</p>	<p>EN2-RECOM-01</p> <p>AC9E3LA03</p>
<p>General follow up questions for each of the readings:</p>	<p>How do you know this?  What evidence do you have to support that?  Why do you think this?  What examples can you find in the text?</p>	