

**Ears** (word count - 81)

Look at the elephants. Look at their big ears.

The ears can help the elephants to stay cool.

The hippo has ears on the top of its head.

When the hippo is in the water, its ears can stay out.

This fox has big ears. Its ears can hear insects.

They help the fox get insects to eat.

Polar bears have small ears.

They have fur on their ears.

When it is cold, the fur helps the ears to stay warm.

***Notice if the student...***

**Word Strategies:**

- looks at the picture
- uses the first or last letter
- sounds out
- recognizes repeated words
- asks for help

**Sense Strategies:**

- tells the story
- makes errors that make sense
- makes errors that mirror speech patterns
- self-corrects