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**The Largest Living Things Level: O-P**

**Introduction**

What are the largest living things on Earth and how do

people compare their size to other living things?

There are some you will know well. There are

others that you may not have even thought about.

**Blue Whale**

The blue whale is the largest living animal. It is a marine

mammal that lives in the oceans. The biggest blue whale

has been measured at about 30 metres long and about

163,293 kilograms in weight.

(How the size of a Blue Whale compares with

the size of a bus)

**African Elephant**

The African elephant is the heaviest animal living on land today. The biggest elephant was a male, which was measured at about 10 metres long and about 9979 kilograms in weight. That is about the same size and weight as a fire engine!

(How the size of an elephant compares with

the size of an adult human)

**COMMENTS:**

**Notice if the student…**

* Rereads text
* Asks for help
* Skips the word and comes back
* Sounds word out
* Looks at the pictures
* Chunks the words
* Covers the ending and looks for smaller words
* Self- Corrects
* Tries to figure out what makes sense in the sentence
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