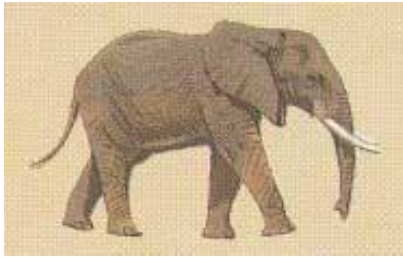
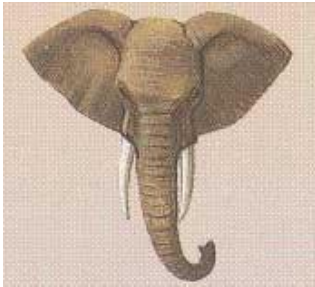






The differences between African and Asian elephants

| | African elephant (<i>Loxodonta africana</i>) | Asian elephant (<i>Elephas maximus</i>) |
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| |  |  |
| Weight | 4000 kg bis 7000 kg | 3000 kg - 6000 kg |
| Shoulder height | 3 - 4 Meter | 2 - 3.5 Meter |
| Skin | More wrinkled | Smoother |
| Number of ribs | Up to 21 pairs | Up to 20 pairs |
| Highest point | On the shoulder | On the back |
| Size of the ears | Bigger, reach up over the neck | Smaller, do not reach over the neck |
| Shape of the back | Concave | Convex or straight |
| Shape of the belly | Diagonally downward in the direction of the hind legs | Either almost straight or sagging in the middle |
| Shape of the head | Not crumpled from the front to the back, no humped structures, no dent  | Crumpled from the front to the back, with humped structures on the top of the head, forehead dented  |

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| Teeth | Lamella profile of the molars diamond-shaped  | Lamella profile of the molars strongly compressed  |
| Tusks | Existing with both sexes. Bigger with the males | Males in many cases having tusks. Females having only rudimentary or no tusks |
| Lower lip | short and round | long and taper |
| Food | Mainly leaves | Mainly grass |
| Trunk | With more rings, less hard | With less rings, harder |
| Trunk end | With two fingers  | With one finger  |
| Toenails | Foreleg 4 or rarely 5 Hind leg 3 or rarely 4 | Foreleg 5 Hind leg 4 or rarely 5 |