

Elephants vs Bees

Fill in the correct form of the word:

You might think that elephants are _____, but the _____ is that elephants, the largest land animals, are _____ of bees.

While a single bee sting might be _____ of _____ the thick hide of an elephant, the bees might sting an elephant in its most _____ areas: the trunk, mouth and eyes – and that is _____.

Elephants are known for _____ farms and _____ crops. In order to protect these, farmers are forced to shoot the animals. There is a _____ group called *Save the Elephants*, which makes “fences” out of beehives in order to stop the elephants from _____ onto farms in the first place.

The bees have been found to be an _____ effective way of _____ the elephants from entering the farmlands – a team of _____ has shown they can keep 80 percent of elephants away.

In India, many elephants are killed _____ by train _____. The Indian train network is very _____, covering more than 65 000 kilometres. It would be _____ to have beehives everywhere. The _____ solution was to install devices broadcasting _____ of bees at busy _____. The _____ sound is audible from 700 metres and has proven _____ at scaring the elephants off.

fear
real
terror
capable
penetration
sense
pain
enter
damage
conserve

come
extreme
courage
research

annual
collide
extend
possible
create
record
cross
amplify
success

You might think that elephants are **fearless**, but the **reality** is that elephants, the largest land animals, are **terrified** of bees. While a single bee sting might be **incapable** of **penetrating** the thick hide of an elephant, the bees might sting an elephant in its most **sensitive** areas: the trunk, mouth and eyes – and that is **painful**.

Elephants are known for **entering** farms and **damaging** crops. In order to protect these, farmers are forced to shoot the animals. There is a **conservation** group called *Save the Elephants*, who makes “fences” out of beehives in order to stop the elephants from **coming** onto farms in the first place. The bees have been found to be an **extremely** effective way of **discouraging** the elephants from entering the farmlands – a team of **researchers** has shown they can keep 80 percent of elephants away.

In India, many elephants are killed **annually** by train **collisions**. The Indian train system is very **extensive**, covering more than 65 000 kilometres. It would be **impossible** to have beehives everywhere. The **creative** solution was to install devices broadcasting **recordings** of bees at busy **crossings**. The **amplified** sound is audible from 700 metres and has proven **successful** at scaring the elephants off.