

When an Elephant
Hears

NO

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ACTIVITY GUIDE

When an elephant hears NO, a tantrum may follow, and a steaming, stomping elephant blowing up is BIG trouble. But what every little one must understand is that NO can mean an enormity of things. It can be a WAIT, PLEASE when Mommy's in the bathroom, or a surprised OH MY at a stupendous magic trick. NO holds enormous power to fight for a better world, or to ask firmly for some personal space.

Lively illustrations portray the many different instances at which a little elephant (or a little reader) might hear NO—and the BIG emotions that often precede and follow the word. Along the way, young readers will learn that no matter what NO an elephant faces, instead of answering with flaring ears and a steaming trunk, they may use another word: why?

A whole elephant's worth of fun, this romp of encounters with the trickiest of tiny words will stamp out NO's mysteries and trumpet its virtues. Young readers will delight in and relate to elephant's experiences, and adults will appreciate this exuberant roadmap of NO's many uses and meanings.

Dazzle Ng is a big fan of elephants. She does her best not to “Toot! Stomp...eeeeee... RAWR!” when she hears NOs too (but it can be hard sometimes). When not writing, she's planning trips to the breathtaking beaches of the Philippines, where she lives with her family and their dog, Bacon. This is her debut picture book.

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TRACING CHALLENGE

Little Elephant loves to dream big and turn these big dreams into doodles.
Can you carefully trace Elephant's doodles below?



USE YOUR VOICE!

Elephant and friends use their voices to say “no!” to things that could harm our planet.

Cut out the words below and paste them onto each sign. Fill in the last sign with your own idea to care for our planet.

**NO CUTTING
DOWN TREES!**

**(SQUIRRELS SLEEPING-
QUIET, PLEASE!)**

**NO LITTER
WHERE
LITTLE
CRITTERS
SKITTER**

**POWER PLANTS,
NO!
FLOWERS/PLANTS,
YES!**

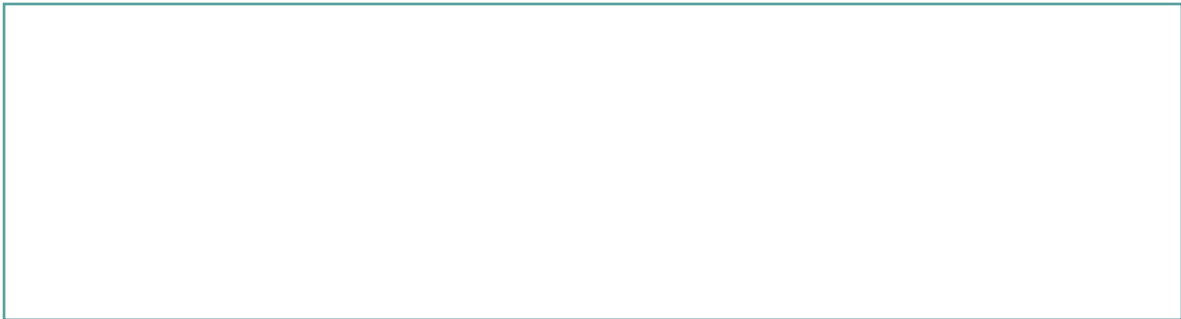


THINK, WRITE, AND DRAW!

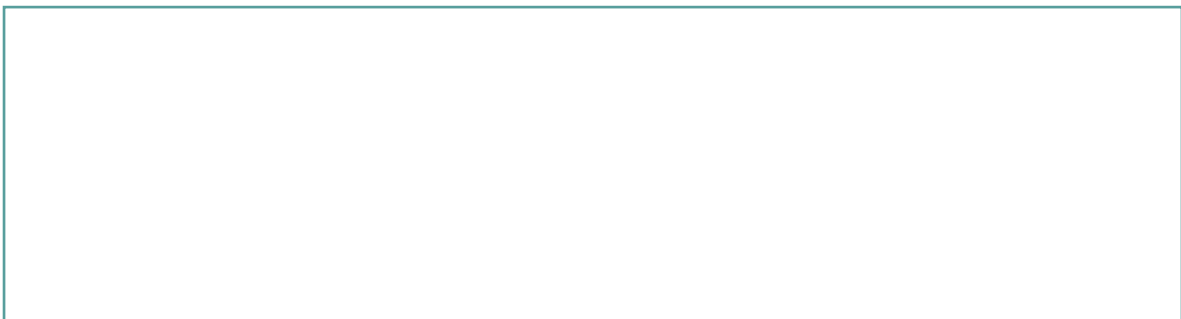
WRITE about a time someone told you no:

WHY do you think that person told you no?

DRAW a picture of how you reacted:



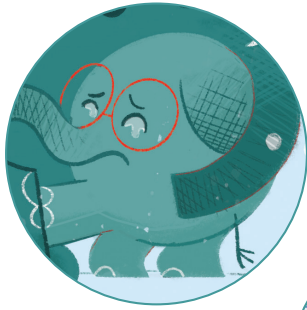
Is there a different way to react to this no? DRAW it!



ELEPHANT'S BIG FEELINGS

How is elephant feeling in each picture?

Draw a line from the picture to the matching feeling.



SCARED

EXCITED

SAD

ANGRY

CONFUSED

PROUD

Answer key for Elephant's Big Feelings on next page.

“MAMA ELEPHANT” SAYS

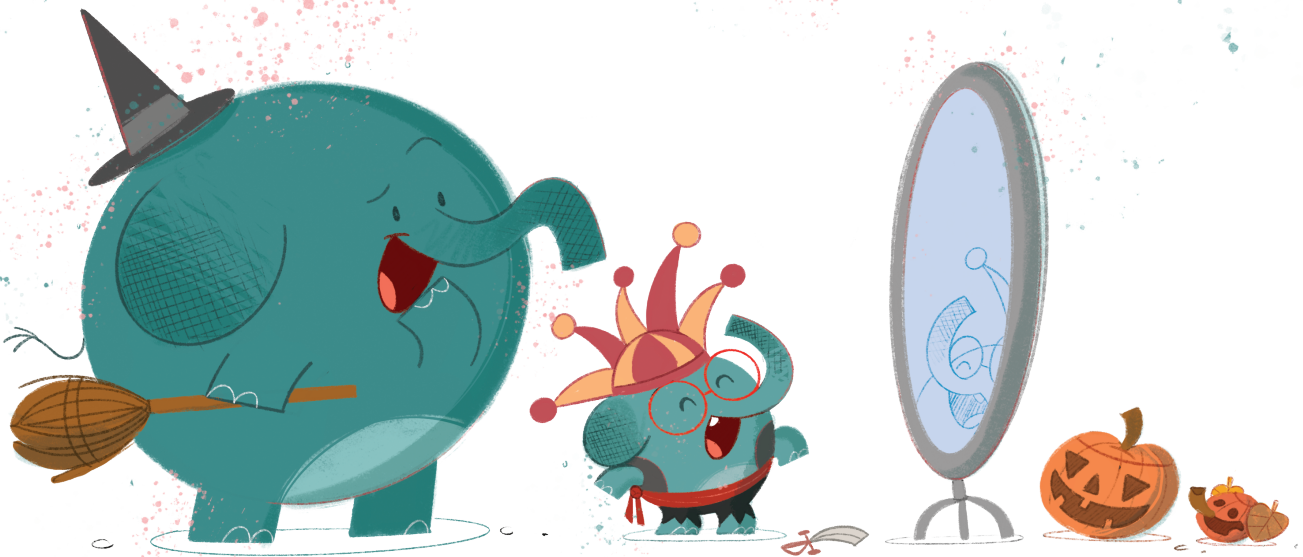
Just like little Elephant, we're ready to put our listening ears on! Listening for helpful directions is very important. In this game, one person will be “Mama Elephant”

Everyone playing must follow their directions but only when they say “Elephant says” before them. If a player follows directions without “Elephant says” before them, they're out!

Some fun options for commands could be:

- Stomp your feet
- Make an elephant noise
- Flap your ears (arms)
- Swish your tail (shake your hips!)

Get creative with your directions, and have fun!



Answer key for Elephant's Big Feelings: (1) sad (2) proud (3) scared (4) excited (5) angry (6) confused

FIND A FRIEND

Cut out the activities below and put them in the “I like to” or “I don’t like to” columns

When you’re finished talk to others, and **find a friend** who likes one of the same activities as you do.

Next, **write their name** next to the activity.

Repeat until you’ve found someone who likes each of the activities you like!

Use the following conversation guide to ask your friends:

Q: “Hi, [your friend’s name]! Would you like to [name of activity] with me?”

A: “Yes! That sounds like fun!”

OR

A: “No, thanks! But would you like to [name of different activity] with me?”

ACTIVITY BANK:

Play Outside

Sing a Song

Do a Craft

Watch a Movie

Read a Book

Draw a Picture

Play Video Games

Eat a Snack

Do a Puzzle

Ride Bikes

Write a Story

I LIKE TO

I DON'T LIKE TO

THE MANY MEANINGS OF “NO!”

When an elephant hears no, there are so many things it could mean!

Color the words below and glue into the speech bubbles on the next page to show your favorite meanings of no. You can also write your own!

Wait, please!

Be careful!

I'M SCARED.

OH MY!

OOPS.

Not yet.

No, thanks!

