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The woolly mammoth was a type of mammoth that lived in Britain, Europe and Asia, as well as North America during the last Ice Age.



It had shaggy fur and a thick layer of fat to keep it warm. Its tusks were up to three metres long and a male could weigh six tons.

Led by an experienced female, a mammoth herd may have migrated between feeding grounds just like African elephants and reindeer still do today.





Look at me!
I'm the shaggiest thing you'll ever see.
Lord of this freezing place,
A chieftain of the elephant race,
A big hairy beastie with a big hairy face.





My massive tusks can push, dig or slice,
As I forage for plants beneath snow and ice.
I'm a veggie warrior with bull-neck power!
Yet my delicate trunk can pick the tiniest flower.
I am a gentle giant.



The tip of a mammoth's trunk worked like a finger and thumb, passing food to its mouth.

It used its tusks like snowploughs to find food: grass, moss, willow, sedge, juniper and wild flowers.



Mammoths lived alongside other herbivores like musk oxen, horses and reindeer.