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Seaside?**

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African elephants are the **largest** animals that live on land.

They live in family groups and stroll through forests and grasslands together.

Imagine if an African elephant came to stay.
What would she do?

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Would an elephant enjoy a trip to the seaside?

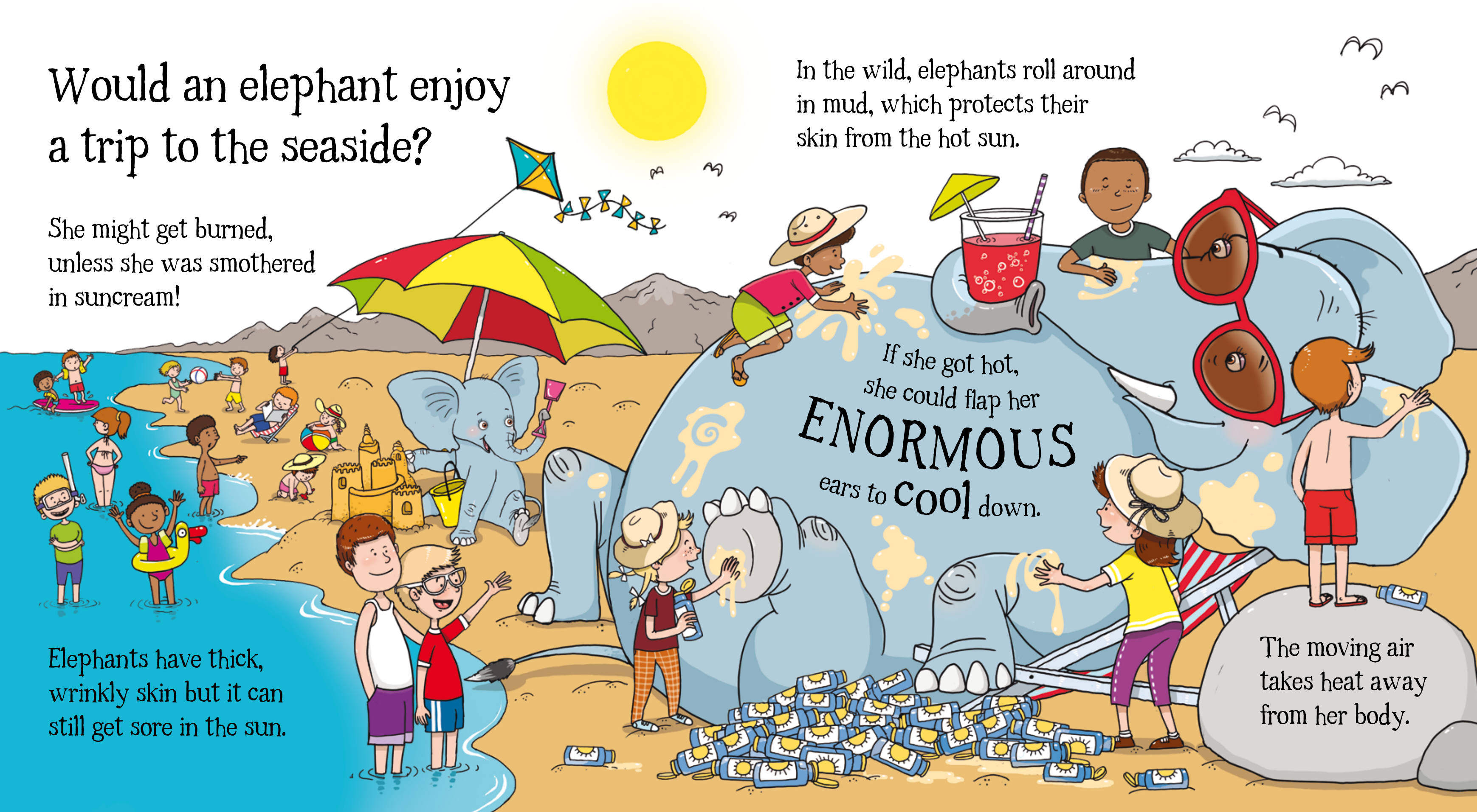
She might get burned,
unless she was smothered
in sunscreen!

In the wild, elephants roll around
in mud, which protects their
skin from the hot sun.

If she got hot,
she could flap her
ENORMOUS
ears to **COOL** down.

Elephants have thick,
wrinkly skin but it can
still get sore in the sun.

The moving air
takes heat away
from her body.



Could an elephant be a ballet dancer?

Her feet are bigger than dinner plates, so she wouldn't look very elegant!

She would also find it hard to point her toes. African elephants have four toenails on a front foot, and three toenails on a back foot.



Elephants need big feet to carry all that weight.

