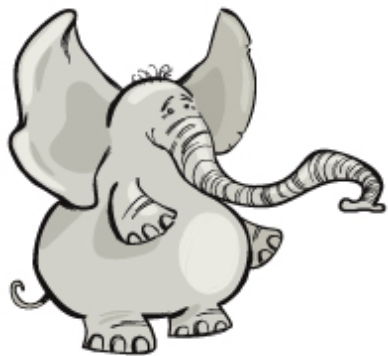


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Ellie's Big Day (A Movement Story)

Instructions: Read the story aloud. When you come to a **bold** word or phrase, act out the given movement.



Ellie the elephant knew that it was going to be a very special day. When she looked at the calendar, she saw it was April 25. That meant it was the day of the Elephant Olympics. Ellie had been practicing for the Elephant Olympics for many weeks. She couldn't wait to participate in her main event, the high jump.

Ellie **jumped** out of bed and **skipped** down the hall to the kitchen. In the kitchen, Ellie saw her mother.

"Mother, it's the day of the Elephant Olympics," Ellie said. She **bounced up and down** with excitement.

"That's right," Ellie's mother said. She **tossed** Ellie a plate of pancakes. "Eat up so you have enough energy for the games."

Ellie gobbled down the pancakes. Then she **climbed** the stairs to get dressed.

Once Ellie was dressed, her family headed to the Elephant Olympics. When they reached the stadium, Ellie joined the other elephants who were competing in the games. They **marched** into the stadium.

Inside the stadium, Ellie started to **stretch**. She **kicked** her legs. One, two. One, two. She **lunged** forward. She **hopped** up and down. She **stood up** straight and tall. She **swung her trunk** round and round.

Then Ellie **sat down** and waited for her event to begin.

While she waited, Ellie saw the other elephants compete in their events. She saw a group of elephants **lift** the heavy shot in the shot put. She saw some other elephants **throw** the javelin across the field. She watched her best friend **leap** over the hurdles.

Before Ellie knew it, it was time for the high jump. She **stood up**. Then she **walked** over to the starting line. Ellie **crouched down** and waited for the whistle. When she heard the whistle, she **sprang up**. Ellie **raced** down the track. When she got to the white line, she **jumped** into the air. Then Ellie **landed with a "thud"** in the sand.

"We have a winner!" the judge said. Ellie had **jumped** 12 feet into the air! She won the event. Ellie was so excited that she **spun around**.

Later that day, Ellie **climbed** to the top of the podium during the award ceremony. The judge put a medal around her neck. Ellie **jumped up and down** with excitement. She **waved** at the crowd. The crowd **clapped** and cheered.

After the ceremony, Ellie **trudged** home slowly. It had been a great day, but she was very tired. Ellie **climbed** up the stairs. She hung her medal on a hook by her bed. Then she **laid down** and went to sleep.