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You might be wondering how these moths are different from others, right? Well, apart from their unique looks and large size, elephant hawk moths are also unusual because they're nocturnal, which means they are most active at night. They also have an exceptional ability to see colors even in the dark, something most other moths can't do. So, from their elephant-like textures to their hummingbird-like dining habits, it's clear that the elephant hawk moth is one truly remarkable creature!



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- 1) What is the color of the stripes on the elephant hawk moth? (paragraph 1)
A. Blue
B. Pink
C. D.
- 2) What color are the elephant hawk moth's wings? (paragraph 1)
A. Olive-brown
B. C. D.
- 3) Where can you NOT find the elephant hawk moth? (paragraph 2)
A. Europe
B. Antarctica
C. D.
- 4) What is unique about the elephant hawk moth's night vision compared to other moths? (paragraph 4)
A. They can't see at night at all
B. C. They can see colors even in the dark
D.
- 5) What time of day are elephant hawk moths most active? (paragraph 4)
A. Day
B. Dawn
C. D. Night
- 6) Where can you normally find the elephant hawk moth? (paragraph 2)
A. In deserts
B. C. D. In places with lots of plants
- 7) When do the caterpillars of the moth transform into pupae? (paragraph 3)
A. In the fall
B. During the winter
C. D.
- 8) What do elephant hawk moths usually eat? (paragraph 2)
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B. C. Nectar from flowers
D.
- 9) If you were looking for an elephant hawk moth in the wild, where would be the best place to look? (paragraph 2)
A. In a meadow
B. C. D. In the desert
- 10) How do the elephant hawk moths protect themselves from predators? (paragraph 3)
A. By making loud noises
B. C. D. By releasing a bad smell
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