



Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Hello, friend. This is a letter from a mystery animal. Do you know who I am?

I am a very big animal! I a big animal. I am the largest living land animal in the world. I live in Africa.

I live on a steady diet of tree leaves, grass, bark and fruits. If I cannot get to the leaves on a tree I have been known to knock the tree down to get to the leaves. I eat over 300 pounds of food every day. I can live to be 70 years old.

Be careful! I am big and strong you don't want to get in my way. Can you guess who I am?

Bye!

Ernie

### **Words to Talk About**

1. mystery
2. Africa
3. steady
4. pounds
5. bark

### **Sight Words**

a, am, be, can, day, do, down, eat, have I, in, is, my, not, of, on, the, to, want, who, you