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## 2nd Grade READING SELECTION #15

### Jumbo Size

- 1 Jumbo was a baby elephant living wild in Africa. One day some men caught him and took him to a zoo in a country called France.
- 2 Many years later, Jumbo was sold to a zoo in a different country called England. By then, he was no longer a small elephant. He had grown up to be the biggest animal in any of the world's zoos. The people in England renamed him Jumbo.
- 3 Children loved to take rides on Jumbo's high back. They called him a giant. He was England's most important zoo animal for twenty years. Then a man named P. T. Barnum bought him. Mr. Barnum owned a circus in America.
- 4 The children in England did not want to see Jumbo leave. They wrote letters to the Queen asking her not to sell Jumbo. Toys, cards, and even plates were made with Jumbo's picture on them. But Mr. Barnum wanted the children in America to see Jumbo. Everyone in England was sad to see Jumbo go.
- 5 Jumbo was a star in America. He went all around the country in a special train car built just for him. Sadly, Jumbo lived for only four years after he came to America. But his name became a word we still use today. Have you ever bought a jumbo coloring book or a jumbo pack of crayons?

