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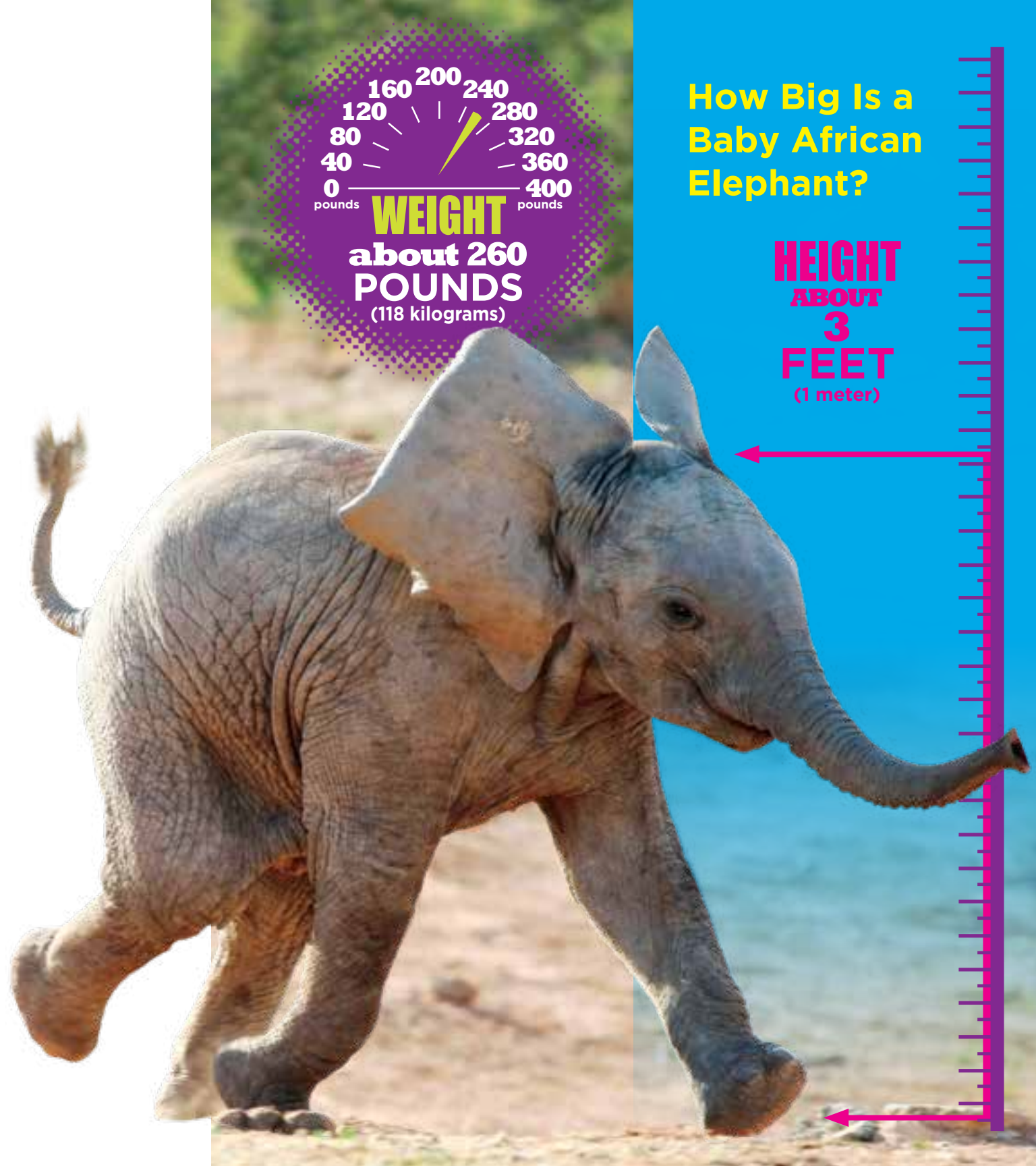
A Cute and Playful

BABY

A baby elephant seeks shade from the hot sun beneath its mother. It fans itself with its floppy ears. Soon, more elephants arrive. They hug the baby with their long trunks. The group leads the baby to a river. The little elephant splashes in the cool water. Ahh!

First Steps

Baby elephants, called calves, are playful. Within half an hour after birth, they can stand. They soon take their first steps. Calves are wobbly at first. But with help from their families, they soon get their balance. • • • • •



How Big Is a Baby African Elephant?

HEIGHT ABOUT 3 FEET (1 meter)



A Mighty Nose

Baby elephants stick close to their families. They have a lot to learn, such as how to use their trunks. Newborns are **clumsy** with their trunks. It takes calves months to learn how to use them.

Elephants use their trunks to feel, push, and pull things. Trunks also help them drink. Elephants use them to suck up water and pour it in their mouths.