

## The Blind Men and the Elephant

*Read the short story. Then answer each question.*

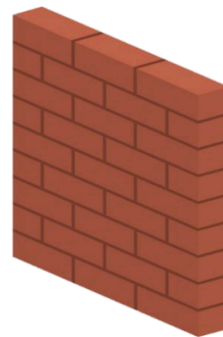
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Six blind men stood by the roadside and waited for the elephant parade. They had often heard of elephants, but they had never seen one as they were blind.

A little later, an elephant was driven down the road where they stood. When they were told that the great beast was before them, they asked the driver to let him stop so that they might see him.

Of course, they could not see him with their eyes, but they thought that by touching him they could learn just what kind of animal he was.

The first one happened to put his hand on the elephant's side. "Well, well!" he said, "Now I know all about this beast. He is exactly like a wall."



The second felt only of the elephant's tusk. "My brother," he said, "You are mistaken. He is not at all like a wall. He is round and smooth and sharp. He is more like a spear than anything else."