

# How to weigh an elephant

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The King of Assam had a pet elephant. A roly-poly elephant. A chubby-happy elephant.

One day, the King said out loud, "I wonder how much my elephant weighs?"

The next day the King declared, "Find out how much my elephant weighs and win a GRAND prize."

The King's ministers tried.

The King's pandits tried.

The vegetable sellers tried.

The rope makers tried.

The jewellers tried.

At last, a little girl had an idea. She took the elephant to the river. They got into a boat.

The boat sank and sank. When it sank no more, the girl made a mark on the boat.

Then she filled up the boat with stones. When the water came up to the mark, she said, "Stop!"

"Now weigh the stones," she said. And that is how they found out the weight of the elephant.