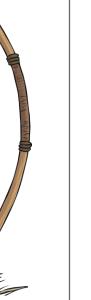
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- weaving in and out of her legs.
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- kill them... but what would we
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Quick Questions



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Answers



1. What does "trundling and stumbling" tell you about the baby mammoth's walk? Accept any reasonable answer which explains that its walk was unsteady.



2. What do you think the hunter did next? Give a reason for your answer.

Accept any reasonable prediction accompanied with a valid explanation.



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Accept any answer pertaining to the use of a question, the use of ellipses or repetition.



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