Build an Elephant
Part/Whole

Materials Needed for Lesson
For each child you will need 1 copy of BLM 45B copied on gray construction paper, 1 piece of 8 ½" x 11" cardboard, scissors, glue, and 1 marker (buttons of assorted colors).
For each group of children you will need 1 copy of BLM 45A and 1 number cube.

Presenting the Activity
1. (Glue the copy of BLM 45A to a piece of 8 ½" x 11" cardboard. You may want to ask a child to color the game board.)
2. (Cut each copy of BLM 45B into squares to create sets of elephant body parts.)
3. **Today we are going play a game to make an elephant.** (Give each child a different color button.)
   
   **Put a marker on the start arrow.** (Each child and the teacher should place a different color button on the start arrow.)

4. **Listen. You will roll the number cube. You will move your marker as many spaces as the number cube shows.** When you land on an elephant body part, you can take it from the pile. Then you must say the whole thing about that body part. If you land on a part you already have, you have to wait for another turn.

5. **My turn.** (You roll the number cube and move the marker the correct number of spaces. You take the correct body part from the pile and "Say the whole thing." Example: "An elephant has legs." Give the number cube to a child.)

6. (The game continues until all children have enough parts to create an elephant. It may take two trips around the game board for each child to get all the parts. **Note: When a child lands on "legs," the child can take two legs.**)

7. (Allow children to cut out the elephant parts and glue them to the body.)

8. (Ask the children to take turns naming the elephant body parts with their completed elephants.)