

The Metropolitan Museum of Art

**Find:**

**Standing Ganesha, Cambodia, 2nd half of 7th century**



*Standing Ganesha, Pre-Angkor period, 2nd half of 7th century, Cambodia, stone; Louis V. Bell and Fletcher Funds, 1982 (1982.220.7). Photo courtesy of The Metropolitan Museum of Art*

Turn this card over to find a hint about where I am!

**COOL fact:**

**Ganesha is the god of success and good fortune in the Hindu religion. He can take away problems and obstacles, and is the hero of many tales!**

Cool Culture® provides 50,000 underserved families with free, unlimited access to 90 cultural institutions – so that parents can provide their children with educational experiences that will help them succeed in school and life.



**Hint:** Go to the second floor and find the Chinese garden called the Astor Court. Face the garden and turn right. Walk until you get to the Jain Temple ceiling. Turn left and walk straight ahead. Keep walking straight until you go into a second gallery. The object is there, on your left-hand side.

**COOL!  
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**Now, Explore!**

**DURING YOUR VISIT:**

- Describe what you see. Which body parts look human? Which parts look like an animal?
- Check out the many other Ganeshas in these galleries! How many can you find? How are they the same? How are they different?
- This is a god who is believed to take away problems. Why is an elephant a good choice for this god?

**Before and After Your Visit:**

- Encourage your child to role-play, to pretend he or she is Ganesha. How would you move if you had the head of an elephant and the body of a person? What would you do with your long trunk or large ears?
- With your child, imagine you could become part animal/part human. What animal parts would each of you choose? Why? Have your child draw a picture or tell a story about what it would be like to be part animal.



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**The Metropolitan Museum of Art** offers a look at many different art forms from many different places. View ancient Egyptian mummies, Greek statues, African masks and much more. Children can wander through time and across the globe without ever leaving the City!

