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## **Level 1**

# **USA destroys 6,000kg of ivory**

**18th November, 2013**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131118-ivory-1.html>

Elephants are in danger. Hunters kill them and sell the ivory from their tusks. The USA wants to stop this and protect elephants. On Thursday, the USA burnt 6,000 kilograms of ivory, including carvings and jewellery. The USA wants to tell people who kill elephants to stop the killing. Many elephants in Africa are dying. This is difficult to stop. The USA will give \$1 million to anyone with information about a group in Laos that buys and sells ivory.

Conservationists (people who want to protect animals and the Earth) say poaching will stop if it is unprofitable. If the killers cannot make money, they will not kill elephants. A conservation group said: "Any time we can remove ivory from the marketplace, it's a win for elephants." A worldwide ban on selling and buying ivory started in 1989. It has helped elephants, but the world needs to do much more.

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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131118-ivory-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Hunters kill them                       | a. in Africa are dying  |
| 2. the USA burnt                           | b. with information     |
| 3. carvings                                | c. 6,000 kg of ivory    |
| 4. stop                                    | d. buys and sells ivory |
| 5. Many elephants                          | e. and sell the ivory   |
| 6. This is difficult                       | f. the killing          |
| 7. The USA will give \$1 million to anyone | g. and jewellery        |
| 8. a group in Laos that                    | h. to stop              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. people who want         | a. it is unprofitable       |
| 2. poaching will stop if   | b. selling and buying ivory |
| 3. the killers cannot make | c. group                    |
| 4. they will not           | d. do much more             |
| 5. A conservation          | e. the marketplace          |
| 6. remove ivory from       | f. to protect animals       |
| 7. A worldwide ban on      | g. kill elephants           |
| 8. the world needs to      | h. money                    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Elephants (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Hunters kill them and sell the ivory from their tusks. The USA (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and protect elephants. On Thursday, the USA burnt 6,000 kilograms of ivory, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ jewellery. The USA wants to tell people who kill elephants (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Many elephants in Africa are dying. This (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The USA will give \$1 million to anyone with information (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Laos that buys and sells ivory.

Conservationists (people (7) \_\_\_\_\_ animals and the Earth) say poaching (8) \_\_\_\_\_ unprofitable. If the killers (9) \_\_\_\_\_, they will not kill elephants. A conservation group said: "Any time we can remove ivory (10) \_\_\_\_\_, it's a win for elephants." A worldwide (11) \_\_\_\_\_ buying ivory started in 1989. It has helped elephants, but the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ much more.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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