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USA destroys 6,000kg of ivory

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THE READING

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

Conservationists (people who want to protect animals and the Earth) are happy with the USA. They say poaching will stop if it is unprofitable. If poachers cannot make money, they will not kill elephants. The Born Free USA conservation group said: "Any time we can remove ivory from the marketplace, it's a win for elephants...If there's no profitability in selling ivory, there's no profitability in poaching elephants." A worldwide ban on trading ivory started in 1989. It has protected elephants, but the world needs to do much, much more.

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Hunters kill them | a. kill elephants |
| 2. the U.S. government burnt | b. are dying |
| 3. carvings | c. for their tusks |
| 4. people who illegally | d. buys and sells ivory |
| 5. Many elephants in Africa | e. 6,000 kilograms of ivory |
| 6. It is difficult to | f. reward |
| 7. a \$1 million | g. and jewellery |
| 8. a group in Laos that | h. stop the poachers |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. people who want to protect | a. selling ivory |
| 2. poaching will stop if | b. money |
| 3. poachers cannot make | c. in poaching elephants |
| 4. remove ivory | d. it is unprofitable |
| 5. no profitability in | e. on trading ivory |
| 6. there's no profitability | f. animals and the Earth |
| 7. A worldwide ban | g. much, much more |
| 8. the world needs to do | h. from the marketplace |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Elephants are in danger. Hunters kill (1) _____.
The hunters sell (2) _____ tusks. The USA wants to stop this. It wants to protect elephants. On Thursday, the U.S. government burnt 6,000 kilograms of ivory. (3) _____ and jewellery. The USA wants to tell poachers (people (4) _____ elephants) to stop killing elephants. Many elephants in Africa are dying. It is difficult to (5) _____. The USA will give a \$1 million reward to anyone with information (6) _____ Laos that buys and sells ivory.

Conservationists (people (7) _____ animals and the Earth) are happy with the USA. They say poaching will stop if it is unprofitable. If poachers (8) _____, they will not kill elephants. The Born Free USA conservation group said: "Any time (9) _____ from the marketplace, it's a win for elephants...If there's (10) _____ selling ivory, there's no profitability in poaching elephants." (11) _____ trading ivory started in 1989. It has protected elephants, but the world (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)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

WRITING

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Write about **elephants** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
