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USA destroys 6,000kg of ivory

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THE ARTICLE

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Elephants are in danger. Hunters kill them for their tusks. The hunters sell the tusks because they are made from ivory. The USA is working to stop this trade. It wants to protect the world's elephants. On Thursday, the U.S. government burnt almost 6,000 kilograms of ivory tusks. They also destroyed ivory carvings and jewellery. The USA wants to send a message to poachers (people who illegally hunt and kill elephants) to stop killing elephants. More and more elephants in Africa are dying. It is difficult for African countries to stop the poachers. On Wednesday the USA offered a \$1 million reward for anyone who has 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's actions. They say one way to end poaching is to make it unprofitable. If poachers know they cannot make money from ivory, they will not kill elephants. Adam Roberts of the Born Free USA conservation group said: "Any time we can remove ivory from the marketplace, it's a win for elephants, because it suggests to the world that there isn't profitability to be had by selling ivory. And 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 helped to protect elephants, but the world needs to do a lot more.

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WARM-UPS

1. ELEPHANTS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about elephants. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

danger / tusks / ivory / trade / carvings / jewellery / illegally / reward / information / conservationists / poaching / make money / marketplace / profitability / ban

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. CONSERVATION: What can we do to protect these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How much are they in danger?	How to protect them?
Elephants		
The Great Barrier Reef		
Dying languages		
Water		
The Amazon Rainforest		
The Pyramids		

4. IVORY: Students A **strongly** believe the ivory trade will end one day; Students B **strongly** believe it won't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. POACHERS: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best way to stop them at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- ban the ivory trade
- send poachers to prison
- electric fences
- give poachers jobs
- security guards
- send sellers of ivory to prison
- education
- burn all known ivory

6. PROTECT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "protect". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| a. Hunters kill elephants because they want to sell their tusks. | T / F |
| b. The USA burnt almost 60,000kg of ivory. | T / F |
| c. Elephant numbers in Africa are actually increasing. | T / F |
| d. The USA will pay a million-dollar reward to catch a group selling ivory. | T / F |
| e. Conservationists are not so happy with what the USA is doing. | T / F |
| f. A conservation group said it's a good idea to set up a marketplace. | T / F |
| g. The group wants to make selling ivory unprofitable. | T / F |
| h. A global ban on the ivory trade started in the late 1980s. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. in danger | a. pleased |
| 2. stop | b. take away |
| 3. protect | c. facts |
| 4. offered | d. end |
| 5. information | e. put forward |
| 6. happy | f. global |
| 7. way | g. at risk |
| 8. remove | h. dealing in |
| 9. worldwide | i. method |
| 10. trading | j. safeguard |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Elephants are | a. carvings and jewellery |
| 2. sell the tusks because they | b. a lot more |
| 3. They also destroyed ivory | c. poaching |
| 4. people who illegally | d. in danger |
| 5. the USA offered a \$1 million | e. selling ivory |
| 6. one way to end | f. hunt and kill elephants |
| 7. poachers know they cannot make | g. on trading ivory |
| 8. there isn't profitability to be had by | h. reward |
| 9. A worldwide ban | i. money from ivory |
| 10. the world needs to do | j. are made from ivory |

GAP FILL

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Elephants are in (1) _____. Hunters kill them for their tusks. The hunters sell the tusks because they are (2) _____ from ivory. The USA is working to stop this (3) _____. It wants to protect the world's elephants. On Thursday, the U.S. government burnt (4) _____ 6,000 kilograms of ivory tusks. They also destroyed ivory carvings and jewellery. The USA wants to send a (5) _____ to poachers (people who illegally hunt and kill elephants) to stop killing elephants. More and more elephants in Africa are dying. It is (6) _____ for African countries to stop the (7) _____. On Wednesday the USA offered a \$1 million (8) _____ for anyone who has information about a group in Laos that buys and sells ivory.

difficult
almost
reward
made
message
danger
poachers
trade

Conservationists (people who want to (9) _____ animals and the Earth) are happy with the USA's actions. They say one (10) _____ to end poaching is to make it unprofitable. If poachers know they cannot (11) _____ money from ivory, they will not kill elephants. Adam Roberts of the Born Free USA conservation group said: "Any time we can remove ivory from the marketplace, it's a (12) _____ for elephants, because it suggests to the world that there isn't (13) _____ to be had by selling ivory. And if there's no profitability in selling ivory, there's no profitability in poaching elephants." A worldwide (14) _____ on trading ivory started in 1989. It has (15) _____ to protect elephants, but the world needs to do a (16) _____ more.

profitability
win
way
helped
protect
lot
make
ban

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Elephants are _____
 - a. on danger
 - b. endanger
 - c. in danger
 - d. endangered
- 2) The USA is working to _____
 - a. stop this trades
 - b. stop this trade
 - c. stop this trading
 - d. stop this traded
- 3) They also destroyed ivory carvings _____
 - a. and jewel ray
 - b. and jeweled ray
 - c. and jeweller
 - d. and jewellery
- 4) The USA wants to send a _____
 - a. message to peaches
 - b. message to poacher
 - c. message to pooches
 - d. message to poachers
- 5) On Wednesday the USA offered a _____
 - a. \$1 million reward
 - b. \$1 million forward
 - c. \$1 million backward
 - d. \$1 million onward
- 6) They say one way to end poaching is to _____
 - a. make it profitable
 - b. make it unprofitable
 - c. make it and profitable
 - d. make it in profitable
- 7) Any time we can remove ivory _____
 - a. from the mark it place
 - b. from the mar kit place
 - c. from the marketplace
 - d. from the market placed
- 8) it suggests to the world that there isn't _____
 - a. profitable to be had
 - b. profitability to be had
 - c. profit ability to be had
 - d. pro fit able tea to be had
- 9) A worldwide _____ ivory started in 1989
 - a. band on trading
 - b. ban on trading
 - c. bun on trading
 - d. bin on trading
- 10) It has helped to _____
 - a. protects elephants
 - b. protected elephants
 - c. protection elephants
 - d. protect elephants

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Elephants are in danger. Hunters (1) _____ their tusks. The hunters sell the tusks because they are made from ivory. The USA is working (2) _____. It wants to protect the world's elephants. On Thursday, the U.S. government (3) _____ kilograms of ivory tusks. They also destroyed ivory carvings and jewellery. The USA (4) _____ message to poachers (people who illegally hunt and kill elephants) (5) _____ elephants. More and more elephants in Africa are dying. It is difficult for African countries to stop the poachers. On Wednesday the USA offered a \$1 million reward for anyone who has information (6) _____ Laos that buys and sells ivory.

Conservationists (people who want (7) _____ and the Earth) are happy with the USA's actions. They say (8) _____ poaching is to make it unprofitable. If poachers know they cannot make (9) _____, they will not kill elephants. Adam Roberts of the Born Free USA conservation group said: "Any time we can remove ivory from the marketplace, it's a win for elephants, (10) _____ to the world that there isn't profitability (11) _____ selling ivory. And 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 helped to protect elephants, but the world (12) _____ more.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What do hunters kill elephants to get?

2. What are tusks made from?

3. How much ivory did the USA burn?

4. To whom does the USA want to send a message?

5. How much is the reward the USA is offering?

6. What do conservationists want to protect?

7. What is Born Free USA?

8. What does Born Free USA want to remove ivory from?

9. What started in 1989?

10. What does the world need to do?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

1. What do hunters kill elephants to get?
 - a) trophies
 - b) tusks
 - c) revenge
 - d) meat
2. What are tusks made from?
 - a) thick skin
 - b) husks
 - c) wood
 - d) ivory
3. How much ivory did the USA burn?
 - a) almost 6,000kg
 - b) almost 6,600kg
 - c) almost 16,600kg
 - d) almost 66,000kg
4. To whom does the USA want to send a message?
 - a) ivory sellers
 - b) security guards
 - c) poachers
 - d) African leaders
5. How much is the reward the USA is offering?
 - a) a billion dollars
 - b) \$1,000,000
 - c) \$100,000
 - d) a hundred million, billion dollars
6. What do conservationists want to protect?
 - a) poachers
 - b) themselves
 - c) animals (elephants)
 - d) the ivory trade
7. What is Born Free USA?
 - a) a conversation group
 - b) a conservative group
 - c) a conserving group
 - d) a conservation group
8. What does Born Free USA want to remove ivory from?
 - a) the marketplace
 - b) tusks
 - c) elephants
 - d) zoos
9. What started in 1989?
 - a) a ban on the ivory trade
 - b) poaching
 - c) an ivory marketplace
 - d) rewards for poachers
10. What does the world need to do?
 - a) breed more elephants
 - b) a lot more
 - c) love elephants
 - d) poach

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Electric fences

You think electric fences are the best way to protect elephants. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ideas. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): education, burning all ivory or putting poachers in prison.

Role B – Education

You think education is the best way to protect elephants. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ideas. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): electric fences, burning all ivory or putting poachers in prison.

Role C – Burn all ivory

You think burning all ivory is the best way to protect elephants. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ideas. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): education, electric fences or putting poachers in prison.

Role D – Put poachers in prison

You think putting poachers in prison is the best way to protect elephants. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ideas. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): education, burning all ivory or electric fences.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'stop' and 'trade'.

stop	trade
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• danger• working• burnt• illegally• more• group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• happy• way• money• remove• ban• lot
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ELEPHANTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about elephants in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

ELEPHANTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'elephant'?
- c) What do you think about what you read?
- d) What do you know ivory?
- e) What do you think of the elephant poachers?
- f) Is it a good idea to burn the ivory?
- g) How will burning the ivory stop the poachers?
- h) Why is it so difficult to stop the poachers?
- i) Will people give the USA information and get the reward?
- j) What should happen to the group in Laos?

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ELEPHANTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Would you like to work as a conservationist?
- c) How can people make ivory unprofitable?
- d) Do you think there will always be an ivory trade?
- e) How would you feel if you read the last elephant on Earth had died?
- f) What other animals are endangered?
- g) What would you do if you saw ivory on sale in a store?
- h) How can we educate people about the damage the ivory trade is doing?
- i) What will the ivory trade be like in 20 years from now?
- j) What questions would you like to ask a poacher?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) endanger | (b) dangerous | (c) danger | (d) gender |
| 2. | (a) made | (b) come | (c) grown | (d) become |
| 3. | (a) destroyed | (b) destroys | (c) destruction | (d) destructive |
| 4. | (a) send | (b) e-mail | (c) throw | (d) write |
| 5. | (a) died | (b) dying | (c) deaden | (d) death |
| 6. | (a) backward | (b) forward | (c) onward | (d) reward |
| 7. | (a) as | (b) of | (c) with | (d) because |
| 8. | (a) poached | (b) poach | (c) poaches | (d) poaching |
| 9. | (a) make | (b) do | (c) print | (d) ask |
| 10. | (a) back | (b) remove | (c) trash | (d) stopping |
| 11. | (a) bin | (b) ban | (c) bun | (d) bon |
| 12. | (a) loads | (b) lots | (c) lot | (d) allot |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Elephants are in nerdag
2. It wants to retopct the world's elephants
3. the U.S. vnmgneerot burnt almost 6,000 kilograms
4. ivory carvings and leeyrwlej (UK) / lwyeejr (USA)
5. laglliley hunt and kill elephants
6. offered a \$1 million edrawr

Paragraph 2

7. happy with the USA's nocstia
8. the Born Free USA rovsontnicae group
9. rovmee ivory from the marketplace
10. sguesgst to the world that there isn't profitability
11. there's no profitability in aogcipnh elephants
12. A ddwieolwr ban on trading

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) Elephants are in danger. Hunters kill them for their tusks. The hunters sell the tusks because they are made
- () profitability to be had by selling ivory. And if there's no profitability in selling ivory, there's
- () money from ivory, they will not kill elephants. Adam Roberts of the Born Free USA conservation group said: "Any time we can
- () and kill elephants) to stop killing elephants. More and more elephants in Africa are
- () government burnt almost 6,000 kilograms of ivory tusks. They also destroyed ivory carvings
- () dying. It is difficult for African countries to stop the poachers. On Wednesday the USA offered
- () a \$1 million reward for anyone who has information about a group in Laos that buys and sells ivory.
- () no profitability in poaching elephants." A worldwide ban on trading ivory started
- () actions. They say one way to end poaching is to make it unprofitable. If poachers know they cannot make
- () remove ivory from the marketplace, it's a win for elephants, because it suggests to the world that there isn't
- () from ivory. The USA is working to stop this trade. It wants to protect the world's elephants. On Thursday, the U.S.
- () Conservationists (people who want to protect animals and the Earth) are happy with the USA's
- () in 1989. It has helped to protect elephants, but the world needs to do a lot more
- () and jewellery. The USA wants to send a message to poachers (people who illegally hunt

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. kill for tusks Hunters them their.

2. they are made from ivory Hunters sell the tusks because.

3. to message wants a poachers USA send to The.

4. to Difficult stop for the African poachers countries.

5. \$1 the Wednesday On reward million USA offered a.

6. the People to and want animals Earth who protect.

7. money know from they ivory cannot make Poachers.

8. ivory marketplace time remove the Any can from we.

9. profitability had ivory isn't be selling There to by.

10. ban ivory 1989 worldwide trading in A on started.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Elephants are in *endanger / danger*. Hunters kill them *from / for* their tusks. The hunters sell the tusks because they are made *by / from* ivory. The USA is working to stop this trade. It wants to *protect / protection* the world's elephants. On Thursday, the U.S. government *burning / burnt* almost 6,000 kilograms of ivory tusks. They also destroyed ivory carvings and jewellery. The USA wants to send a message to poachers (people who *legally / illegally* hunt and kill elephants) to stop *killing / killer* elephants. More and more elephants in Africa are *dies / dying*. It is difficult for African countries to stop the poachers. On Wednesday the USA *offers / offered* a \$1 million reward for anyone who *with / has* information about a group in Laos that buys and sells ivory.

Conservationists (people who want to protect animals and the Earth) are *happy / hapless* with the USA's actions. They say one *weigh / way* to end poaching is to *make / do* it unprofitable. If poachers know they cannot *print / make* money from ivory, they will *not / now* kill elephants. Adam Roberts of the Born Free USA *conservation / conversation* group said: "Any time we can *remove / removal* ivory from the marketplace, it's a *won / win* for elephants, because it suggests to the world that there isn't profitability to be had by selling ivory. And if there's *now / no* profitability in selling ivory, there's no profitability in poaching elephants." A worldwide ban on trading ivory started in 1989. It has *helped / helpful* to protect elephants, but the world needs to do a lot more.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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m_d_ fr_m _v_ry. Th_ _S_ _s w_rk_n_g t_ st_p th_s
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k_ll _l_p_h_n_t_s) t_ st_p k_ll_n_g _l_p_h_n_t_s. M_r_ _nd
m_r_ _l_p_h_n_t_s _n _fr_c_ _r_d_y_n_g. _t_s d_ff_c_l_t
f_r _fr_c_n c__ntr__s t_ st_p th_ p__ch_rs. _n
W_dn_sd_y th_ _S_ _ff_r_d _ \$1 m_ll_n r_w_rd f_r
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_npr_f_t_b_l_. _f p__ch_rs kn_w th_y c_nn_t m_k_
m_n_y fr_m _v_ry, th_y w_ll n_t k_ll _l_p_h_n_t_s. _d_m
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

elephants are in danger hunters kill them for their tusks the hunters sell the tusks because they are made from ivory the usa is working to stop this trade it wants to protect the world's elephants on thursday the us government burnt almost 6000 kilograms of ivory tusks they also destroyed ivory carvings and jewellery the usa wants to send a message to poachers (people who illegally hunt and kill elephants) to stop killing elephants more and more elephants in africa are dying it is difficult for african countries to stop the poachers on wednesday the usa offered a \$1 million reward for anyone who has 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's actions they say one way to end poaching is to make it unprofitable if poachers know they cannot make money from ivory they will not kill elephants adam roberts of the born free usa conservation group said "any time we can remove ivory from the marketplace it's a win for elephants because it suggests to the world that there isn't profitability to be had by selling ivory and 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 helped to protect elephants but the world needs to do a lot more

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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How can the world help protect elephants from poachers? Discuss three ideas.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about elephants. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. IVORY: Make a poster about ivory and the illegal ivory trade. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. POACHING: Write a magazine article about poaching. Include imaginary interviews with poachers and with people who are trying to stop them.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to a conservationist. Ask him/her three questions about elephants. Give him/her three ideas on how to protect them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T b F c F d T e F f F g T h

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. in danger | a. at risk |
| 2. stop | b. end |
| 3. protect | c. safeguard |
| 4. offered | d. put forward |
| 5. information | e. facts |
| 6. happy | f. pleased |
| 7. way | g. method |
| 8. remove | h. take away |
| 9. worldwide | i. global |
| 10. trading | j. dealing in |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Their tusks
2. Ivory
3. 6,000kg
4. Poachers
5. \$1 million
6. Animals (elephants)
7. A conservation group
8. The marketplace
9. A worldwide ban on trading ivory
10. A lot more

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. a 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)