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Level 0

U.S. circus to end use of elephants

8th March

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1503/150308-circus.html>

One of America's top circuses will have no elephants in its shows after 2018. All its elephants will retire in an animal conservation centre. They will retire there. One hundred years ago, it was OK for animals to be in circuses, but not today. People are worried about them. The circus will continue to use other animals.

Many groups have criticised circuses. One group said circus elephants have a bad life. They have painful bones and lung diseases. It wants the elephants to retire now. Many places in the USA have banned elephants. It is hard for circuses to go on tour. Circus owners said they understand the public's feeling.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-31740032>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. One of America's | a. continue |
| 2. an animal conservation | b. there |
| 3. They will retire | c. animals |
| 4. One hundred | d. to be in circuses |
| 5. it was OK for animals | e. top circuses |
| 6. People are worried | f. centre |
| 7. The circus will | g. about them |
| 8. use other | h. years ago |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Many groups have | a. to retire now |
| 2. circus elephants have | b. diseases |
| 3. They have painful | c. feeling |
| 4. lung | d. to go on tour |
| 5. It wants the elephants | e. criticised circuses |
| 6. Many places in the USA | f. a bad life |
| 7. It is hard for circuses | g. bones |
| 8. they understand the public's | h. have banned elephants |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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One of America's (1) _____ have no elephants in its shows after 2018. All its elephants (2) _____ animal (3) _____.

They will retire there. One hundred years ago, (4) _____ animals to be in circuses, (5) _____. People are worried about them. The circus will continue (6) _____ animals.

Many groups (7) _____ circuses. One group said circus elephants (8) _____. They have painful bones (9) _____. It wants the elephants to retire now. Many (10) _____ USA have banned elephants. It is hard for circuses (11) _____. Circus owners said they understand (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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elephants. It is hard for circuses to go on tour. Circus owners said they und

erstand the public's feeling.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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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) _____

