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Level 4 – 7th June, 2021

Herd of wild elephants on the march in China

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210607-elephants-4.html>

Fifteen elephants are approaching the Chinese city of Kunming. They have travelled 500km from their habitat in a nature reserve near the borders with Myanmar and Laos. They are nearing the outskirts of the city of 6.6 million people. They have travelled along highways and through farms over the past few months. They have feasted on kilos of corn and other crops from fields. Their journey has captivated the Chinese public.

Experts are setting up barriers to get the elephants to go back towards their nature reserve. No one knows why the animals walked so far. One reason could be a decline in the amount of edible plants in their reserve, especially supplies of the their favourite foods. Another reason could be a rise in their numbers, from 193 in the 1980s to around 300 today. A further possibility is that the elephants' leader could have led them astray.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. elephants are approaching | a. kilos of corn |
| 2. near the borders with | b. of the city |
| 3. nearing the outskirts | c. from the fields |
| 4. They have travelled | d. past few months |
| 5. over the | e. public |
| 6. They have feasted on | f. along highways |
| 7. other crops | g. the Chinese city |
| 8. captivated the Chinese | h. Myanmar and Laos |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. setting up | a. of edible plants |
| 2. nature | b. numbers |
| 3. why the animals | c. reserve |
| 4. a decline in the amount | d. astray |
| 5. especially supplies of | e. barriers |
| 6. a rise in their | f. their favourite foods |
| 7. A further | g. walked so far |
| 8. led them | h. possibility |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210607-elephants-4.html>

Fifteen elephants (1) _____ Chinese city of Kunming.

They have travelled 500km (2) _____ in a nature

reserve near (3) _____ Myanmar and Laos. They are

nearing the (4) _____ city of 6.6 million people. They

have travelled along highways and through farms over the past few months.

They have (5) _____ of corn and other crops from

fields. Their journey (6) _____ Chinese public.

Experts are (7) _____ to get the elephants to go back

towards (8) _____. No one knows why the animals

walked so far. One reason could (9) _____ in the

amount of edible plants in their reserve, (10) _____ the

their favourite foods. Another reason could be

(11) _____ their numbers, from 193 in the 1980s to

around 300 today. A further possibility is that the elephants' leader could

have (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ELEPHANTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210607-elephants-4.html>

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.

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) _____

