

Listen and read. TR: 1.7

Caring for Baby Elephants

Sometimes young animals such as elephants don't have parents to take care of them. Who can help them?

A group called the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust helps elephants and other animals in Kenya, in Africa. Sometimes, a baby elephant's mother dies. When that happens, the baby doesn't have anyone to take care of it, or any milk to drink. People at the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust find the baby elephant and care for it. They feed it milk and protect it.

The baby elephants are usually sad at first. They don't want to eat or sleep. People at the Trust take turns caring for the baby elephant. They sleep near it and give it milk when it's hungry. The people are like the elephant's new family.

After a few weeks, the baby elephant starts to play and make friends with other elephants. Now the people at the Trust know that the elephant is happy. In time the elephant is ready to go back to the wild to live with other elephants!



Elephants touch each other with their trunks to say hello!

2 Read. Check T for True and F for False.

1. The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust helps animals in Asia. (T) (F)
2. The Trust helps elephants and other animals. (T) (F)
3. Sometimes a baby elephant's mother dies. (T) (F)
4. People at the Trust give milk to the baby elephants. (T) (F)
5. The elephants never go back to the wild. (T) (F)

3 Read. Number the sentences in order.

- ☐ People at the Trust find the baby elephant.
- ☐ The elephant goes back to the wild.
- ☐ People at the Trust give the baby elephant milk.
- ☐ The baby elephant's mother dies.
- ☐ The elephant grows and plays with other elephants.

4 Talk about the reading. Work with a partner.

The baby elephants need help.

That's why the people at the Trust take care of them.

