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Adam and Lily are on holiday in Africa. They want to see the animals – the Big Five. But one person in their group is not very happy, or very friendly. Who is she? What is she doing in Kenya? What is her problem?

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PEARSON
1.1 What’s the book about?

Talk about these pictures. Where can you see these animals? Which animals live in your country?

lion  zebra  elephant

cow  rhinoceros/rhino  leopard

buffalo  giraffe  hippopotamus/hippo

What's the book about?

Talk about these pictures. Where can you see these animals? Which animals live in your country?

1.2 What happens first?

1. Look at the new words in bold on page 1. What are they in your language?

2. Look at the pictures on pages 1 and 2 and underline the right words in these sentences. What do you think?

a. Adam and Lily are going on safari in Africa / Asia.

b. They want to see animals / meet people.

c. Joseph, an old friend, is waiting for them with his plane / jeep.

d. There are three American visitors / students with him.

e. Later, a lion / leopard has breakfast near their jeep.
It is very early in the morning. Adam and Lily are going on safari in Kenya. Their friend Joseph is waiting for them.

The friends say hello and get into the jeep.

Joe is standing near his jeep. He works in the game reserve. Today he is meeting Adam, Lily and some American visitors.

Yes, I can’t wait.

Hi! Is this your first safari?

This is Anne. Behind her are Jeff and his son Tom.

Look, Adam. I can see him!

The aeroplane is arriving at a small airport in the Maasai Mara.

breakfast /ˈbrekfəst/ (n) I always have a big breakfast on Sunday mornings.

safari /ˈsæfərɪ/ (n) This safari is in Kenya. I often go on safari, because I love animals.

jeep /dʒiːp/ (n) You can drive on bad roads in that jeep.

game reserve /ɡem riˈzɜːv/ (n) There are a lot of elephants in Kenya’s game reserves.
Tom wants to see the Big Five.

Yes. Look. I've got a book about them.

That woman is very quiet. Who is she?

Hey, listen. Can you hear that?

A lion. Quick, let's go!

Joseph drives the jeep across the country.

Look, zebra for breakfast!

Quiet, Jeff. You don't see this very often.
Hi, Zoe. We arrived in Kenya yesterday. Now we’re on safari in the Maasai Mara. Joseph is with us. (He was Adam’s student in Nairobi. He’s a driver now.) There are three Americans in our jeep. I’m sending you some photos. The woman doesn’t smile or talk to us. We were lucky this morning. A lion had a zebra for breakfast in front of our jeep. I’ve got about 100 photos of it. It’s OK, there was no danger. Tomorrow we’re going to get up at five. We want to see some elephants.

lucky /'lʌki/ (adj) She’s a lucky woman. She’s got a beautiful face and a lot of money.
danger /ˈdeɪndʒər/ (adj) Danger! Don’t swim in that river! Swimming is dangerous there. Some animals are endangered. Not many people see them.
The Big Five

Joseph loves his job. The day starts very early, at 5 o’clock. Every day he drives visitors across the Maasai Mara. Often, breakfast is in the jeep. They stop near the River Mara and watch the hippos. They see the giraffes in the trees. Families of zebras are eating grass. Then Joseph and his visitors look for the Big Five.

The Big Five are big, strong animals. They are lions, leopards, elephants, buffaloes and rhinoceroses. They are all very dangerous.

Lions and leopards usually hunt for food at night and sleep in the day. Lions hunt and kill big animals. They eat giraffes, zebras and other Big Five animals.

Leopards eat meat too, but they like to eat small animals. First, they kill them. Then they often take the dead animals up into the trees. There, they eat them slowly.

grass /græs/ (n) It was very hot, but the grass under the trees was green.
hunt /hʌnt/ (v) Many people hunt animals for food.
kill /kɪl/ (v) He kills animals with his knife.
other /ˈʌðə/ (adj/det) I’ve got two pens. One of them is red and the other pen is blue.
meat /miːt/ (n) My sister loves animals. She never eats meat.
Buffaloes live in big groups. They are very strong and they can kill a lion. They eat green food: tall grass and other plants. They like the rain and they like to be near water. They live for about seventeen years.

Rhinos are endangered animals. There are only about forty black rhinos in the Maasai Mara today. Some people hunt rhinos because of their horns. In some countries, people give a lot of money for a rhino horn. This is a big problem. The police and the keepers want to stop them, but that is difficult.

Rhinos eat grass and fruit, but no meat. They sleep in the day. Sometimes they sleep on their feet.

Elephants live in big family groups. They don’t eat meat. They only eat trees, plants and fruit. They are very intelligent and they can understand other elephants. They make noises, but people can’t always hear them.

group /gruːp/ (n) The teacher talked to a group of students after school.
plant /plɑːnt/ (n) These are new plants for the garden.
horn /hɔːn/ (n) Some cows have big horns on their heads.
keeper /ˈkiːpə/ (n) The keepers stay with their animals and give food to them.
intelligent /ɪnˈtelɪdʒənt/ (adj) Susan is a very good student. She is very intelligent.
2.1 Were you right?

Look at your answers to Activity 1.2 on page ii. Then finish these sentences.

Adam and Lily are going on 1. The game reserve is in the Maasai Mara, in 2. Their 3. Joseph is waiting for them. He has got a jeep and he is going to be their 4. Some American 5. are with him. They are all staying in the same 6. Suddenly, Adam hears a noise. A lion is having 7. It is eating a 8.

2.2 What more did you learn?

1 Are these sentences right (√) or wrong (X)?
   a  The Big Five are all strong, dangerous animals.  
   b  Rhinos are endangered animals.  
   c  Lions and leopards sleep at night.  
   d  Elephants are very intelligent.  
   e  Buffaloes can’t kill lions.  
   f  Rhinos sometimes sleep on their feet.

2 Write five sentences about the Big Five.

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a  Lions
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c  
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2.3 Language in use

1 Read the sentences on the right. Then finish the sentences below.

Today
   a Joseph and the Americans are meeting us at the airport. (meet)
   b The plane arrived early. (arrive)
   c Anne is very quiet. (be)

Tomorrow
   d I see hippos and giraffes. (see)
   e Zoe writes to me. (write)
   f Adam and I take a lot of photos. (take)

2 Finish the sentences.

   dangerous big slowly
   a Elephants live in groups. They are strong, animals, but they walk .

   quickly famous short
   b Rhinos are for their horns. They have legs, but they run .

2.4 What happens next?

1 Talk about the pictures on pages 8 and 9. Why isn’t Lily happy?

2 Look at the photos on pages 10 and 11. Where are these elephants? Why? What do you think?
The jeep stops near a river.

Look - hippos!

Look at that mouth! He wants to eat your bag, Lily!

No, he doesn’t!

Look, buffaloes!
But where are the elephants?

We’re going to find them now, Tom.

Let’s go. It’s going to rain.

Yes, please let’s go.

Lily, that woman’s name is Ruth Street. She’s American, but she lives in London. Her photo was in the newspapers yesterday. The police are looking for her. She buys rhino horns for a group in...
The children have no mother or father, and the American family are going to adopt them.

I'm going to give £1 a week because I'm adopting an elephant.

She lives in the orphanage because her mother and father are dead. She is an orphan.

Suddenly it was dark and the rain started.

I don't like this.

Is that an elephant?

Yes! The mother's behind him.

Lily wants to adopt an elephant. ... Lily?

Good. Ah, the rain's stopping. Let's go.

Look at this, Adam.

Oh, Lily! Is it from Zoe?

adopt /əˈdɑːpt/ (v) The children have no mother or father, and the American family are going to adopt them.

I'm going to give £1 a week because I'm adopting an elephant.

orphanage /ɔːˈfæniж/ (n) She lives in the orphanage because her mother and father are dead. She is an orphan.
Adopt an elephant

This is Shukuru. She is from Tsavo. Today, she lives in the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage near Nairobi. She arrived at the orphanage in September 2009. She was only three days old.

Now she has a new family and a lot of friends. Visitors can meet her. They can adopt her too, but she is always going to live in Africa.

A lot of people visit the orphanage. At 11 o’clock in the morning, the elephants come out with their keepers. The elephants run and play. Then the keepers give them their food. Sometimes a young rhino comes out and plays too. The visitors stand very near the animals and take a lot of photos.

The animals are in the orphanage because they haven’t got families. The keepers are their ‘mothers’. After some time (perhaps ten years), the elephants go back into the wild.

wild /ˈwaɪld/ (n/adj) In Africa you can see animals in the wild. These are wild animals.
Samson’s Story

The year was 1954. There was very little rain in the Tsavo Game Reserve. Some visitors arrived and they loved Tsavo.

One evening, they watched a family of elephants. One young elephant was very thin and unhappy. He was ill and he wanted water. He walked slowly behind his mother. The elephants arrived at the water and started to drink. The young elephant wanted to stay near the water. His mother wanted to go. She didn’t want to go away from her son, but she went with the other elephants.

The visitors watched the young elephant. He was lucky. No lions or other animals came near him.

The elephant was the first orphan in David Sheldrick’s elephant orphanage. His name was Samson.
3.1 Were you right?

Remember your answers to Activity 2.4. Then answer these questions.

1. Who is the man in the photo?

2. What is he doing?

3. Why is the elephant there?

4. Is the elephant always going to live there?

3.2 What more did you learn?

Write these names in the sentences.

Joseph  Adam  Lily  Anne  Jeff  Tom

1. ................. sees buffaloes, but wants to see elephants.

2. It starts to rain and ................. stops the jeep.

3. ................. isn’t happy because she didn’t want to stop.

4. Later, ................. takes the group to a river.

5. ................. sees an elephant with its mother.

6. ................. wants to see the hippos, but first she looks at her phone.

7. ................. looks at Lily’s phone too.

8. ................. buys rhino horns. Her name is Ruth Street.
3.3 Language in use
Read the sentences on the right.

1 Which picture comes first? Write the numbers 1–4.

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One young elephant was very thin. She didn’t want to go away from her son.

2 Now finish the story.

There \(\textit{was}\) not much rain that year. The animals \(\textit{not have}\) much food. The young elephant \(\textit{be} \text{ ill} \text{ he} \text{ want} \text{ water}. \text{ He} \text{ walk} \text{ slowly behind his mother. They} \text{ arrive} \text{ at the river and the small elephant} \text{ start} \text{ to drink. He stay} \text{ at the water for a long time, and he not go} \text{ back to his mother. Some visitors from the game reserve watch} \text{ him. Not long after that, he have} \text{ a new family.}

3.4 What happens next?
What is going to be in these two newspapers? Get some paper and write one or two sentences. Then talk about the stories. Which story is right? What do you think?

Police catch Ruth Street
Ruth Street runs from police
Where is Anne?

1. I don’t like that girl. She’s always looking at me.

2. The police are looking for you. Go away for a week or two. Go on safari, or to the hotel.

3. Where’s Anne this morning?

4. We can’t wait. We’re going to see the rhinos this morning.

She wasn’t at breakfast.

OK, let’s go.
Lily looks at the rhinos and thinks about Anne.

Smile, Tom!

Jeff is smiling too. He’s got photos of four of the Big Five.

Thanks, Joseph. That was a beautiful day.

She isn’t here, and her things aren’t here.

Leopards tomorrow, Tom, and Maasai dancing this evening!

Where is she?

Adam, let’s find Anne.
The Maasai People

The Maasai are very interesting people. Many live in Kenya, near the Maasai Mara Game Reserve. The men and the women are tall and strong. Every day, they walk across the country with their cows and their goats.

There is very little grass in the Maasai Mara, and very little rain. The men and boys hunt wild animals and bring them back home. Sometimes, very young boys kill lions. This is dangerous, but for the Maasai it is important.

The Maasai dress in beautiful colours: usually red. They like dancing and singing. Sometimes they sing and dance for visitors at the hotels in the game reserve.

**sing (v) /sɪŋ/** The children can’t sleep. I’m going to *sing* to them.
Maasai women don’t hunt, but they do a lot of work. They build the houses for their families. The Maasai people move from place to place and the women build new homes in the new places.

Every morning, they get up very early and bring water for their families. This is a very important job because water is a big problem for the Maasai. The women make the food too. The Maasai eat meat and they eat food from plants.

Not all Maasai children go to school. Often there are no schools near their homes. School is expensive too, and many families haven’t got the money.

Today, many Maasai people live and work in towns. Sometimes they visit their families and friends.
Your taxi is coming now, Miss Wilson.

Thank you.

OK, thank you. Yes, I understand.

Hello, Anne – or is it Ruth?

You again!

Yes, and this time, you are coming with us.

What are they doing?

Her name’s Ruth Street. They are taking her away.

Are you Lily? Zoe Brewster’s friend?
Ms Brewster telephoned our office. Look at this, from 2010. Ruth Street is doing it again!

**Stop Ruth Street!**

Police are hunting for Street in an expensive hotel near a game reserve. She is buying rhino horn and taking it back to Europe. There, she is going to

It’s a long story, Jeff.

Is there a problem? That’s Anne!

Yes. Let’s go and have a drink.

Excuse me!

This is from the hotel, for all of you.

Thank you! Tom, we’re all going to see leopards tomorrow.

And rhinos!
Talk about it

1 Work with a friend.

**Student A**
You are Lily (or Adam). You want to go on safari again, but Adam (or Lily) can't come. You ask Zoe/Dan, but she/he doesn't want to go. Talk about the animals and the people in Africa.

**Student B**
You are Zoe/Dan and you are not happy about a holiday in Africa. Isn't it very dangerous? Do you get near the animals? Are you going to go on a small aeroplane? Is there a lot of walking? Ask Lily/Adam questions. Are you going to go?

2 Work with two or three friends.

**Student A**
You are a policeman/woman. You have Ruth Street at the police station and she is answering questions.

**Students B, C and D**
You work for newspapers. Ask the policeman/woman questions about Ruth. Is that her name? How old is she? What is she saying? What is she doing in Africa this time? What are the police going to do with her? When?

Write about it

Which of the Big Five animals do you want to write about? What do you know about it? Look at other books and on the Internet. Then write about it.

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1. You and your friends are in Nairobi. You want to go on a safari but you only have two days. Talk about these questions.

   a. Which game reserve are you going to go to? Find pictures of them on the Internet.

   b. How are you going to get there – by aeroplane or in a jeep?

   c. What animals are you going to see?

   d. Are you going to visit the Maasai?

2. You want to see some or all of the Big Five.

   a. Why do you want to see them? Talk about it.


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3 Find out about these animals.

Name of animal
Food
Dangerous?
Endangered?

4 Now talk about your safari and write answers.

What time are you going to start the day? Where are you going to meet? How are you going to go? What do you want to see?

Day 1
Morning
Afternoon
Evening

Day 2
Morning
Afternoon
Evening

5 You put a short film about your safari on the Internet. Write about it for your friends.

Watch our film. It’s about our safari to ____________________________. We were very lucky. Here you can see _____________________________.

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