

Video 1.



Here are some amazing facts about elephants. How many of them do you know?
Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercise. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

Ex. 1 Preparation. Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

- 1..... a newborn
- 2..... a tusk
- 3..... to be sunburnt
- 4..... to be pregnant
- 5..... an elephant's trunk e.
- 6..... eyelashes

- a. a very long, large tooth that sticks out of the mouth of an animal
- b. a recently born child or animal
- c. hairs that grow along the top of an eyelid
- d. an elephant's nose
- e. when you have spent too long out in the sun so your skin is sore and red
- f. to be going to have a baby

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/study-break/video-zone/11-things-you-never-knew-about-elephants>

ВЗЯТЬ ВИДЕО

Ex.2. Check your understanding: true or false.

1. There are three types of elephants in the world.
2. Female Asian elephants don't have trunks.
3. A newborn elephant weighs about the same as thirty human babies.
4. Elephants don't have eyelashes.
5. Adult elephants can't jump!
6. Elephants use sand or mud to stop getting sunburnt.
7. A female elephant is pregnant for more than two years.

- Which fact is the most interesting for you?
- Which other animals do you think are amazing?

(Transcript сразу под видео)

11 things you never knew about elephants

1. There are only two types of elephants, African and Asian.
2. Female Asian elephants don't have tusks.
3. Elephants can be left-tusked or right-tusked, like being left- or right-handed.
4. A newborn elephant weighs more than 200 pounds. That's about 30 human babies.
5. Elephants have eyelashes.
6. The African elephant is the world's largest land animal.

7. Adult elephants cannot jump.
 8. They don't like bees.
 9. An elephant's trunk has more muscles than the whole human body put together.
 10. Elephants can get sunburnt. They use sand or mud to protect themselves.
 11. Elephants are pregnant for 22 months. That's almost two years.
- How amazing are these animals?)

Video 2.



Some people have unusual pets, but this is ridiculous! Watch the video and find out about Jessica the hippo's luxury life.

Do the preparation task first. Then, watch the video and do the exercises. Remember you can check the transcript at any time.

1. Preparation. Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a – h next to the number 1 – 8.

- 1..... aggression
- 2..... a pod
- 3..... curling up
- 4..... off limits
- 5..... to massage
- 6..... a mammal
- 7..... breed
- 8..... a snack

- a. an animal which is fed on its mother's milk
- b. a quick meal
- c. a small group of hippos, seals or whales
- d. angry behaviour
- e. to rub parts of the body with your hands
- f. to produce young animals
- g. lying quietly in a comfortable position
- h. not allowed to enter

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/study-break/video-zone/hippo-lives-house>

2. Check your understanding: true or false.

1. Jessica was found when she was seven years old. True
2. Tony and his wife give her sweet coffee every day. True
3. She's already broken a sofa and a bed. True
4. Jessica lives in the river with a pod of hippos. True
5. The hippo kills more humans in Africa than any other wild animal. True
6. Tony's wife considers Jessica to be a member of the family. True
7. Jessica spends most of the day sleeping. True
8. At the end of the day, Jessica likes a massage.

- What do you think about Jessica the hippo?!

▪ Would you like to have an unusual pet?

(Transcript под видео должен быть)

Reporter: It is one of the rules of Africa – if you see a hippo, head the other way – but this is Jessica and she breaks all the rules.

Tony: (*talks to the hippo*)

Reporter: Tonie Joubert, a game warden, found her washed up by flood water when she was just a day old. Seven years on, she's still here.

Tony: I don't know whether she sees me as a hippo or she sees herself as a human. All I know is that, er, there's a fantastic bond that I've never had with any other animal my whole life. I've raised elephants and buffalo and lions and that stuff but I've never had something this close, never ever.

Reporter: Jessica spends her days lazing in the sun ... and cooling down in the water with Tony and his wife on hand to deliver refreshments, weak sweet coffee, twice a day. Then there's the afternoon snack with the dogs and if Jessica is still hungry, she knows where to go. A short walk to the house, where a closed door doesn't stop her, even if the dog gets in the way. She's already broken a sofa and the bed inside, so everywhere but the kitchen's off limits. But the kitchen is her favourite place.

Tony's wife: Jessica sees herself as our child ... she sees herself as a human being, one of us, part of the family. That's what she is, that is what she is to us.

Reporter: And how do you see her?

Tony's wife: I see Jessica as my daughter, hundred per cent. I can't imagine my life without Jess.

Reporter: And Jessica seems happy to stick around. It's one thing to tame a hippo in captivity, but what makes Jessica so remarkable is that she's free to leave at any time. Further along this river there's a pod of wild hippos and Jessica likes to spend time with them but she always comes back here, probably because she knows she's onto a good thing. The hippo kills more humans in Africa than any other wild mammal but Jessica has never displayed any aggression. And after a long hard day of eating she likes a massage before she goes to bed. Hippos live into their forties and Jessica is expected to mate and breed so there could soon be another hefty pet here, curling up with the dogs, to go to sleep.

Emma Hurd, Sky News, Hoedspruit, South Africa.)

Video 3.



A Plastic Ocean is a new documentary that looks at the problems that are caused when plastic waste goes into the sea.

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the trailer and find out more about how plastic can be dangerous to sea animals and human health. Then do the exercise. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

Ex. 1 Preparation. Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

- 1..... a crisis
- 2..... to degrade
- 3..... a landfill site
- 4..... to dump
- 5..... to endure
- 6..... a free diver
- 7..... a fraction of something
- 8..... pristine

- a. an area where waste is buried under the ground
- b. a small part of something
- c. a difficult or dangerous situation that needs urgent attention
- d. a diver who holds their breath under water

- e. in perfect condition
- f. to get rid of something quickly without worrying about it
- g. to suffer
- h. to break down into smaller substances

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ВЗЯТЬ ВИДЕО

Ex. 2 Circle the best answer to these questions.

1. When did the first narrator start following blue whales?
 - a. When he was a teenager
 - b. When he was a child
 - c. When he was an adult
 2. How many tons of plastic are dumped into the oceans every year?
 - a. 8 million
 - b. 5 million
 - c. 9 million
 3. What does the narrator do for a living?
 - a. He's a TV presenter.
 - b. He's a diver.
 - c. He's a journalist.
 4. How does the free diver feel about her work helping to clean the oceans?
 - a. That more people should do it
 - b. That it's her way to pay back the ocean for all the pleasure it has given her
 - c. That it's an impossible job
 5. Why is the plastic in the ocean never going to degrade?
 - a. Because it has nowhere to go
 - b. Because there is too much of it
 - c. Because more and more is being dumped daily
 6. How many pieces of plastic were found in a ninety-day-old chick?
 - a. 256
 - b. 266
 - c. 276
 7. What has been built on the landfill sites?
 - a. Beaches – including resorts for tourists
 - b. Factories – including plastic bottle factories
 - c. Communities – including their food production
 8. What does the main narrator believe is possible?
 - a. He believes change is possible and it starts with us.
 - b. He believes change is possible if we stop buying plastic bottles.
 - c. He believes change is possible if we stop throwing bottles in the ocean.
- Do you use a lot of plastic?
 - What do you think we can do, as individuals, to help improve the problem of having too much plastic in our oceans?

(Transcript должен быть под видео сразу!)

Narrator: I remember the first time I saw a blue whale.

Man on boat: Look, look! (... Wow!)

Narrator: I'd followed them since childhood.

Diver: Where do you think it's from? Is it from a ship?

Narrator: I could see plastic everywhere.

- **Every year 8 million tons of plastic are dumped into our oceans**

Presenter: We were in what we thought was a relatively pristine environment. I started to wonder what was happening in oceans elsewhere on the planet.

- **A journalist who loves the ocean**

Narrator: Growing up, my world was the ocean. It's where I feel the most spiritual.

- **And a champion who dives below**

Diver: As a free diver, it was a place where I proved myself to myself. Finally have the opportunity to pay the sea back.

- **A crisis with global stakes**

Narrator: Only a fraction of the plastic that we produce is recycled.

Man 2 on boat: This is never going to degrade. It's got nowhere to go.

Narrator: It's something that these animals are forced to endure because it was man made and we put it into their environment.

Diver: The record is two hundred and seventy-six pieces of plastic inside one ninety-day-old chick. If the plastics are in the food chain for the dolphin then they're also in our food chain.

Lady on boat: Exactly!

Narrator: Communities are built on these landfill sites ... So sweet potatoes, corn, sugar cane, all growing on forty years of garbage.

Do you have anything not wrapped in plastic?

... No!

... No!

- **To save our future**

Narrator: We have to make our life better for our kids' children.

- **We need a wave of change**

Narrator: Change is possible! It starts with us!

- **A Plastic Ocean)**

Optional task.

Watch a video in Russian without subtitles and translate what children are saying.

Then watch it again with subtitles and check yourself.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=frNrSu4Ft9Q>

- What is the most beautiful thing in nature? Why?
- Where is the best place in your country to see or experience nature?
- Where is nature at its most beautiful – the mountains, oceans, deserts, beaches, space, or forests? Why do you think so?