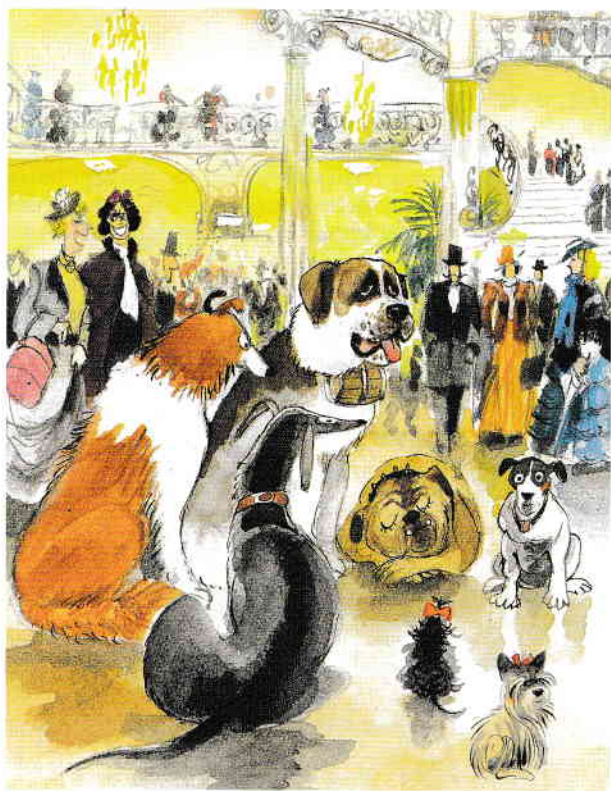


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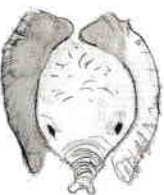
# Tales



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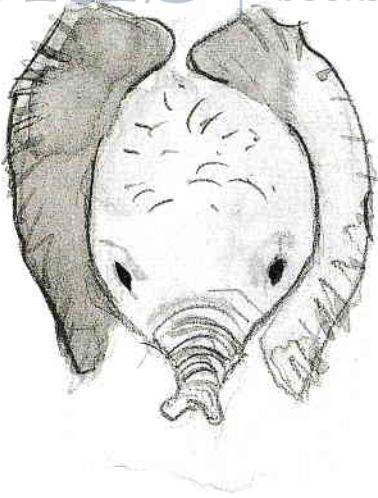
**PET** Cambridge Preliminary English Test-style exercises

**T: GRADE** Trinity-style exercises (Grade 4)

This story is recorded in full.



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PART ONE

## The Elephant's Child wants some answers



In the beginning elephants had noses. They had large noses, but they could not pick things up<sup>1</sup> with them.



One day the Elephant's Child began to ask everybody questions. He always asked a lot of questions. He asked his aunt the ostrich:

'Why have you got long feathers?'<sup>2</sup>

1. **pick things up** : lift/hold things up.

2. **feathers** :



The ostrich was angry with the Elephant's Child. She punished him <sup>1</sup> and sent him away.

'Don't ask questions, Elephant's Child!' she told him.

The Elephant's Child then went to his uncle the giraffe.

'Why have you got spots?' <sup>2</sup> he asked the giraffe.

His uncle the giraffe was angry with the Elephant's Child. He punished him and sent him away.

'Don't ask questions, Elephant's Child!' he told him.

The Elephant's Child now went to his aunt the hippopotamus.

'Why have you got red eyes?' he asked his aunt.

The hippopotamus was angry, and she, too, punished the Elephant's Child.

'Don't ask questions!' she told him.

The Elephant's Child now went to his uncle the baboon.

'Why do you like melons?' he asked. 'Why are they good to eat?'

The baboon was angry and he punished the Elephant's Child.

'Don't ask questions, Elephant's Child!' he told him.

One day the Elephant's Child had a new question.

'What does the crocodile eat?' he asked everybody.

'Be quiet, Elephant's Child!' everybody shouted at him.

His uncles and aunts were angry with the Elephant's Child. They all punished him for a long time. He was very unhappy. He went away for a walk in the forest.

1. **punished him** : (here) hit him because he did something wrong.

2. **spots** :



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**PET 1** Based on what you read in this part of the story and your general knowledge, decide if each statement is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, write A. If it is incorrect, write B.

- 1 The Elephant's Child lived in Africa.
- 2 Elephants did not have noses in the beginning.
- 3 Ostriches only live in Africa.
- 4 The Elephant's Child didn't ask many questions.
- 5 The animals punished the Elephant's Child.
- 6 The Elephant's Child's uncles were the giraffe and the baboon.
- 7 Hippopotamuses have red eyes.
- 8 The Latin name for melons is *cucumis melo*.
- 9 This was the Elephant's Child question: 'What does the crocodile eat?'
- 10 His aunts and uncles were happy with the Elephant's Child.

1 .....      2 .....      3 .....      4 .....      5 .....  
6 .....      7 .....      8 .....      9 .....      10 .....

Now correct the incorrect statements.

**T: GRADE 4**

**2** Topic – Animals and Pets

Tell the class about your favourite animal or pet. Bring a picture of the animal or pet to class and use these questions/statements to help you.

- a. What is your favourite animal or pet?
- b. Compare your pet to an animal that lives in the wild.
- c. When did you get your pet?
- d. Describe the things your pet or animal does and the ways it does them.

Now think of a question to ask the students in the class about their favourite animal or pet.

PART  
TWO

# The Great, Grey, Green Limpopo River



The Elephant's Child met the Kolokolo bird <sup>1</sup> in the forest. He told the Kolokolo bird everything.



'My father punished me, my uncles punished me, and my aunts punished me,' he said. 'What does the crocodile eat? Do you know?'

The Kolokolo bird thought for a moment, then he said.

'Do you know the great, grey, green Limpopo River?'

'Yes,' replied the Elephant's Child. 'I know it.'

1. **Kolokolo bird** : an imaginary bird.

‘Go there,’ the Kolokolo bird told the Elephant’s Child. ‘You can ask there.’

‘I’ll go there immediately!’ the Elephant’s Child decided.

The Elephant’s Child walked through the forest until he came to the great, grey, green Limpopo River. Then he saw a python snake.

‘Excuse me,’ he said, ‘but is there a crocodile here?’

‘Yes,’ the python snake told him. ‘A crocodile lives here.’

‘Good,’ replied the Elephant’s Child. ‘What does he eat?’

The python was angry now, and he punished the Elephant’s Child.

‘Don’t ask questions, Elephant’s Child!’ he told him.

The Elephant’s Child walked some more. He walked on something big. It was the crocodile!

The Elephant’s Child looked down.

‘Where is the crocodile?’ he asked politely.

The crocodile opened one eye very slowly. He looked at the Elephant’s Child.

‘Come here, Elephant’s Child,’ he said quietly. ‘I’m the crocodile.’

‘Good!’ cried the Elephant’s Child. ‘What do you eat?’

‘Come here,’ the crocodile told him again.

The Elephant’s Child came very close to the crocodile. The crocodile opened his mouth very wide. He held the Elephant’s Child by the nose.

‘Today,’ said the crocodile, ‘I think I’ll eat an Elephant’s Child!’