Impact 1/ Unit 4/ Lesson 1/ Reading Task

Read the text and answer the given questions below.

Elephants are clever, so they learn how to best raid fields and remember which areas are most suitable to visit. Human-wildlife conflict is causing problems between humans and elephants: both have lost their lives as a result of fight over resources and food that have disappeared. Sometimes this takes the form of crop-raiding because farmers have invaded elephants' habitat. Interacting with elephants can have other costs, as humans are afraid of them, imagine coming across one while doing your chores or walking to school, so these everyday activities are harder and take longer, keeping students away from school and people from their chores.

In the areas surrounding one of the most famous national parks in Africa, elephants are responsible for breaking the fence around the national park, because they need food to eat and let's not forget that these animals are wild. Lions and other predators can move into the community areas, hurting people and eating their cattle and goats, but they are trying hard to control elephants' behaviour.

Humans are working to reduce conflict with elephants through a range of techniques. These include growing chili around the farms to limit elephants' access to these farms; changing farming practices - making farms easier to defend, and growing crops that elephants don't like.

1- Why do elephants break the fence around the national park?

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2- What do lions do when they enter community areas?

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3- Give an example of one technique humans do to reduce conflict with elephants.

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