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1) Read the article and choose the correct question (a-e) for each paragraph (1-5)

a How much do they eat?

b What do they eat?

c Why are Asian elephants endangered?

~~d Are Asian and African elephants different?~~

e How many Asian elephants are there?

Elephants in Danger

They're very important in Asian cultures and they help to maintain the forests. But Asian elephants are now endangered. Elephant expert Dr. Alan Matheson answers our questions about these amazing animals.

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Yes, they are. African elephants have big ears. The three species of Asian elephant (Indian, Sumatran, and Sri Lankan) all have small ears and they don't always have tusks.

2 ____

They eat wild plants, but they sometimes eat food from farmland, too – fruit, rice, etc. They also drink a lot of water, so we often see them next to rivers and lakes. An adult elephant can drink over 350 l of water in a day!

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They need a lot of food – about 150 kg every day. An elephant's life isn't easy. They sometimes walk 20 km in one day to find food, and they don't sleep much.

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In 2013, there were about 40,000 wild Asian elephants. That isn't many. We think there are also 15,000 Asian elephants in zoos, including about 140 in the U.S. and Canada.

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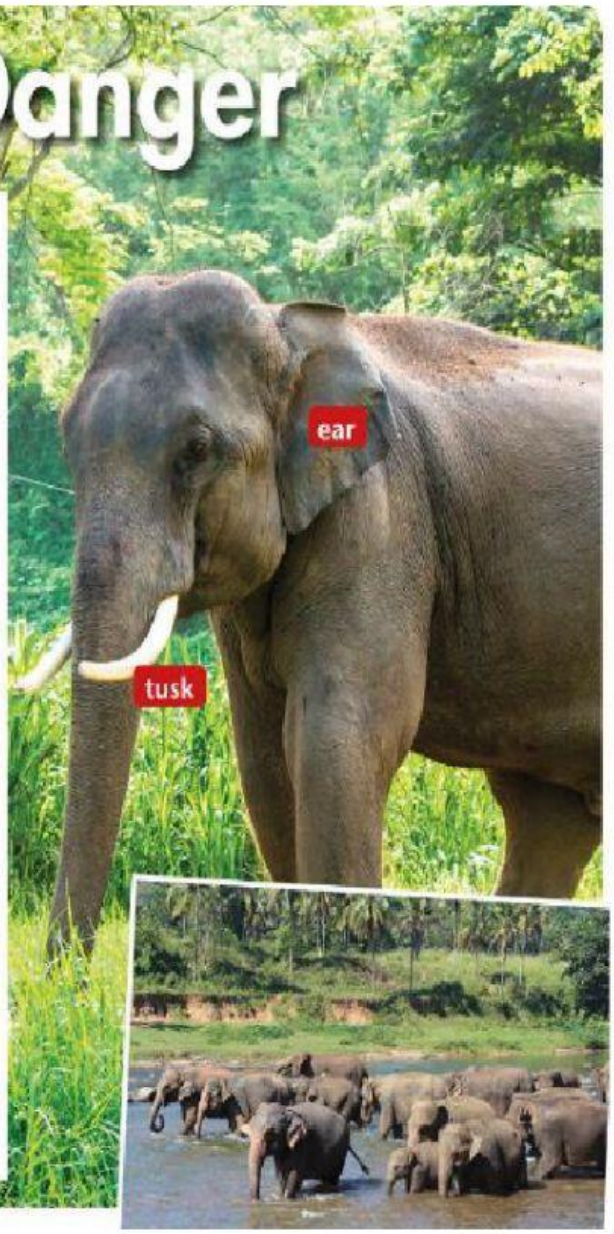
Elephants usually live in forests. Unfortunately, people are cutting down the forests and using the trees to make paper and oil.