

Reading

The man who talked to elephants

Today's post is about a real nature lover. Lawrence Anthony did a lot to protect animals around the world. He was born in South Africa in 1950. As a child, he spent hours walking in the countryside with his dog. When he grew up, he became a businessman, but that changed in the 1990s. Lawrence bought Thula Thula, a big wildlife park in South Africa, where wild animals could live safely. Tourists could stay there and go on trips to see the animals.

There were no elephants in Thula Thula, but in 1999 Lawrence was asked to take nine elephants. However, they had to stay in Thula Thula. Lawrence agreed. The elephants left the park a few times so Lawrence spent two weeks living with the group. He talked to them for hours. Slowly, the elephants became more relaxed and after that, they stayed. In 2012, Lawrence died nearly 500 kilometres away from his home in Thula Thula, but the elephants knew. They went to his house and stayed for days.

During his life, Lawrence did many other amazing things. He wrote three books. The most popular one is called *The Elephant Whisperer* and it was published in 2009. It has sold over 200,000 copies and it is going to be a film, directed by Robin Goode. In 2003, he helped to save animals in Baghdad Zoo in Iraq. He also worked hard to save other animals like the white rhino. In 2004, Lawrence started the Lawrence Anthony Earth Organisation. It works on projects to protect the natural world through education and action.

12 Read the text. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

- 1 Lawrence helped animals in different countries. T / F
- 2 Before he bought Thula Thula, Lawrence was a businessman. T / F
- 3 Lawrence lived with the elephants in Thula Thula for many weeks. T / F
- 4 Lawrence was the author of three books. T / F
- 5 Some animals at a zoo in Iraq were bought by Lawrence. T / F
- 6 Lawrence worked for the Earth Organisation. T / F

13 Read the text again and choose the correct answers.

- 1 When he was a child, Lawrence ...
A often went walking in the countryside.
B wanted to have a dog.
C tried to protect animals.
- 2 Thula Thula ...
A was not open to tourists at the start.
B is not very big, but has lots of wild animals.
C was bought by Lawrence in the 1990s.
- 3 What does the blog say about the elephants?
A Lawrence always wanted elephants at the park.
B There were no elephants at Thula Thula before 1999.
C Lawrence decided to buy elephants for Thula Thula.
- 4 Lawrence talked to the elephants a lot because ...
A he loved talking to animals.
B he wanted them to stay in the wildlife park.
C it helped him to relax.
- 5 When Lawrence died, ...
A the elephants went to his house.
B he was at home in Thula Thula.
C the elephants didn't know.
- 6 What does the text say about his most popular book?
A Lawrence started writing it in 2009.
B A film of the book was made in 2009.
C Over 200,000 people have bought it.

Score __/6

14 'Wildlife parks are a good way to protect animals.'

Do you agree? Think about:

- a good thing about wildlife parks
- a bad thing about wildlife parks
- another way to help wild animals

Vocabulary

1 Choose the correct word.

- 1 I bought a big **bag/cup** of potatoes, so you don't need to buy any more.
- 2 We really wanted to go to the concert, so we were **embarrassed/disappointed** when there weren't any tickets.
- 3 I'd like something to drink, perhaps some **pear/juice**.
- 4 People should never hurt each other – **violence/corruption** is not permitted here.
- 5 Having a **drone/vaccine** can help people stay healthy and not get ill.
- 6 Alex loves trees, so he enjoys walking in the **forest/beach**.
- 7 There is an **inspiration/investigation** by the police into the crime.

Score __/7

2 Match the definitions (1–6) to the words (a–f).

- 1 clothes you wear to the pool
 - 2 weather that stops you from seeing clearly
 - 3 a bird that can't fly
 - 4 something you use to protect your eyes when it's sunny
 - 5 a problem where people don't have anywhere to live
 - 6 a machine that keeps food cold
- a foggy
b shades
c fridge
d penguin
e swimsuit
f homelessness

Score __/6

3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

bakery burgers description hoodie intelligent
packet river

- 1 Here's a _____ of my brother: he's tall with brown hair.
- 2 Jay is good at thinking and understanding new ideas. He's _____.
- 3 How often do you eat fast food like _____ or pizza?
- 4 We need some bread. I'm going to go to the _____ to buy some.
- 5 I got wet because I fell into the _____ when I was walking by it.
- 6 Sam hasn't got many clothes. He's going to buy a _____ and some jeans.
- 7 Can you buy a _____ of biscuits when you go shopping?

Score __/7

Grammar

4 Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 Next week we **are starting/will start** a new topic in science. The teacher told us yesterday.
- 2 Scientists think that people **will live/are living** on other planets from 2070.
- 3 We **will meet/are going to meet** Sue in the café later. Do you want to come?
- 4 What are your plans for the weekend? **Will you do/ Are you going to do** anything fun?
- 5 I think that in the future robots **are doing/will do** many jobs that people do now.

Score ___/5

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words given. Use the present perfect form of the verbs.

- 1 _____ (**you/ever/eat**) shark?
- 2 They _____ (**already/have**) lunch, so they're not hungry now.
- 3 _____ (**Sarah/never/visit**) the US.
- 4 _____ (**I/just/buy**) a new car. It's red.
- 5 We _____ that new restaurant _____ (**not try/yet**). Let's go next weekend.

7 Complete the zero and first conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs given.

- 1 If people _____ (**not eat**), they get hungry.
- 2 If it rains tomorrow, we _____ (**not play**) football.
- 3 I'll buy my friends presents if we _____ (**go**) on holiday.
- 4 You _____ (**get**) green if you mix yellow and blue.

Score ___/4

8 Correct the mistakes in these sentences.

- 1 You **should to tell** your teacher if you don't understand. _____
- 2 Our cat is **the youngest** than Sam's cat.

- 3 I haven't got **some** brothers and sisters, but I've got lots of cousins. _____
- 4 Paula is **the good** student in the class.

- 5 You don't need to buy bread because we've got **much of it**. _____
- 6 **The pollution** is not good for your health.

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Score ___/6

Use of English

- 9 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B or C) best fits each gap.

Save whales!

Whales are 1 _____ animals on the planet, but they are in danger. If we don't do something, these amazing animals 2 _____ not survive. There are a 3 _____ groups that try to help whales, and one of these is the Pacific Whale Foundation™ (PWF). It 4 _____ by Greg Kaufman in 1980 to protect humpback whales (a type of whale). These whales were becoming very rare. Since it started, PWF 5 _____ these whales in many different ways. The number of these animals has grown from around 1,000 to 21,000 today!

Here are our top three tips for things YOU can easily do to help ocean animals including whales:

- Join a group that helps whales. If groups 6 _____ more members, they are more powerful.
- Always try to leave beaches 7 _____ they were. Take your rubbish home and collect some rubbish too.
- 8 _____ buy something soon? Take your own bags – don't buy plastic bags and then put them in the bin!

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| 1 A the big | B bigger | C the biggest |
| 2 A do | B will | C are |
| 3 A lot of | B some | C much |
| 4 A was started | B starts | C is started |
| 5 A helps | B helped | C has helped |
| 6 A will have | B have | C are having |
| 7 A cleaner than | B the cleanest | C clean that |
| 8 A Do you | B You will | C Are you going to |

Listening

- 10  Listen to a conversation between friends and choose the correct alternative.

- 1 David's newest trainers are **red/blue**.
- 2 He **often buys/doesn't often buy** clothes.
- 3 He bought the trainers **in a shoe shop/online**.
- 4 He bought the trainers on Sunday **morning/night**.
- 5 Since he started his job, David's bought a **digital camera/smartphone**.
- 6 Maria prefers to use her money to pay for **things/experiences**.

Score __/6

- 11  Listen again and complete the sentences with one to two words.

- 1 David bought his blue trainers _____.
- 2 David often uses his trainers when he _____.
- 3 David saw the trainers on _____.
- 4 Going to a _____ or department store is boring, in David's opinion.
- 5 David works in a _____ to earn some money.
- 6 The last thing Maria bought was _____ for her sister.

Score __/6