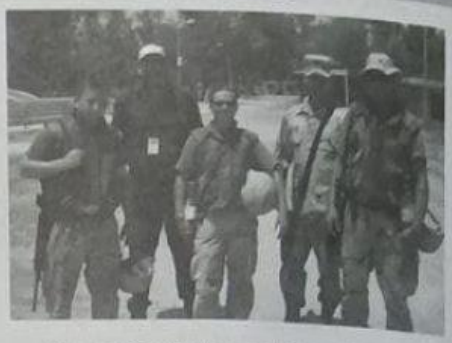
Saving Baghdad Zoo

In April 2003, a war was happening in the middle eastern country of Iraq. Soldiers were invading, and a lot of Iraqi people were suffering and dying.

In Iraq's capital, Baghdad, the animals in Baghdad Zoo were suffering too. Bombs started to fall on the city. It was difficult for the zookeepers to find food for the animals. By April some of the animals were dying because they were hungry. Because of the bombs, a lot of the cages had holes in them, and some lions and tigers were walking around freely.

In South Africa, one of the world's most famous conservationists, Lawrence Anthony, was watching the war on the news. He knew that Baghdad had the biggest zoo in the Middle East. Immediately, he contacted the American soldiers and offered to help.

Lawrence flew to Kuwait, rented a car and drove 500 miles to Baghdad. When he arrived, the zoo was worse than he imagined. There were just 35 animals left alive – hundreds were dead or missing from their cages.



Lawrence Anthony at Baghdad Zoo

Lawrence quickly organized a team of people to help him rebuild the zoo and look after the animals. Several months later, the zoo reopened, so he went home. Thanks to his work, today the zoo has more than 1,000 animals.



The Middle East

Reading

LEARNING TO LEARN

Look carefully at the pictures and read the captions under them. They often help you to understand the text.

1 08 **Read and listen. Look at the pictures. Why was Lawrence Anthony in the Middle East?**

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2 Match the words with the definitions.

1 soldiers	a) explosive missiles used in wars
2 zookeepers	b) people who care for animals in a zoo
3 bombs	c) lost or absent
4 cage	d) care for
5 conservationists	e) people who work to protect animals or the environment
6 missing	f) people who fight in a war
7 look after	g) an enclosed space for confining animals

3 Read the text again. Circle T (true) or F (false).

1 There were soldiers in Iraq in April 2003. T F
2 The zoo animals had a lot of food. T F
3 Some lions and tigers escaped through the holes in their cages. T F
4 Lawrence flew from South Africa to Baghdad. T F
5 When Lawrence arrived, there were 500 animals alive in the zoo. T F
6 After Lawrence left, the zoo opened again. T F

4 Circle the correct words.

1 **Many** / **Not many** people suffered because of the war.
2 Baghdad **is** / **isn't** an important city in Iraq.
3 Some animals died because **of the bombs** / **they didn't have much food.**
4 Lawrence **is** / **isn't** famous outside South Africa.
5 When Lawrence arrived, **a lot of the** / **some** animals were dead.
6 Lawrence worked **on his own** / **with other people** to rebuild the zoo.

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