

Making Words

Directions: Unscramble the strip of letters at the bottom of the page. Try to move the letters around to make 3-letter words. How many words can you make? Write them in the box. Can you make any four-letter words? Five-letter words? Can you make any other words? Can you guess the SECRET WORD all these letters make?

<h3>Three-letter Words:</h3> 	<h3>Four-Letter Words:</h3>
<h3>Five-letter Words:</h3> 	<h3>Other words:</h3>

Students: total up how many words you have... you must have at least 25 words!

Total words

Do you know the secret words?

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Unscramble these letters:

A	E	E	I	O	B	B	G	H	L	N	N	N	R	S	T
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*Clue: Make sure you attend this on Wednesday, February 8th
It's shopping for a good cause...*

Weekend Due Mon. 2/6 Tues. 2/7
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READ THE PASSAGE Think about the author's view of the world.

Trading Tusks

You may have seen elephants at a zoo and admired their long white tusks. But did you know that those ivory tusks are worth a lot of money? In the 1980s, the elephant population in Africa dwindled from 1.2 million to 600,000. Poachers, people who kill animals illegally, slaughtered more than half a million elephants just for their tusks.

Iain Douglas-Hamilton, a British authority on African elephants, brought this fact to the world's attention. Because of his efforts, the United Nations (UN) banned ivory trading in 1989. Poaching declined, and the elephant population rebounded. In 1993, Douglas-Hamilton founded an organization called Save the Elephants. It works to track and report on elephants, poaching, and ivory sales.

In 2002, the UN relaxed the ban on ivory trading. It allowed some countries to sell ivory that had been collected and stockpiled. These countries claimed that the ivory came from elephants that had died naturally. However, once the ban was eased, poachers once again began killing up to 20,000 elephants per year. Save the Elephants worked hard to inform organizations and governments of the effects of lifting the ban. The organization argued that the ivory trade should be outlawed again.

In June 2007, the UN once more approved a ban on international ivory trading. Douglas-Hamilton and Save the Elephants hope that the ban will help elephant populations increase to healthier levels.

SKILL PRACTICE Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer for each question.

- The author of the passage most likely believes _____.
 - people should collect ivory items
 - elephants are worth protecting
 - ivory is beautiful
 - elephants damage the environment
- Which of these statements best describes Douglas-Hamilton's actions?
 - He fought elephant poachers in court.
 - He banned the trade of ivory.
 - He exposed the facts about killing elephants for their tusks.
 - He studied African elephants and collected data about the value of their tusks.
- Which words from the passage best show the author's attitude toward poaching?
 - declined; population rebounded*
 - people; half a million elephants*
 - kill animals illegally; slaughtered*
 - outlawed; approved a ban*
- Which statement is a theme of the passage?
 - People can take action to save endangered animals.
 - The supply of ivory affects the world economy.
 - Poaching helps animal populations in Africa.
 - The UN helps animals, as well as people.

STRATEGY PRACTICE As you read, write notes about information in the passage that helped you understand the theme.
