

Story starter!



Nellie the elephant packed her trunk and said goodbye to the circus.

Performing at the circus had been Nellie's life, but last night something terrible had happened. Hopes and dreams had been destroyed, leaving the circus in smouldering ruins. Nellie's friends had all fled in a dozen different directions to escape the terrible flames.

Exhausted and drained, lonely and afraid, Nellie plodded over the scorched, broken ground as she was forced to forge a new future for herself.

Anxiously staring far into the distance, Nellie could make out a glimmer of glorious green: land that was unspoilt by flames. This glimmer of green represented a glimmer of hope. Nellie began to feel better. Maybe there was hope after all...



Question time!

Where do you think she is heading?

What caused the fire at the circus?

What does she have packed in her trunks?

Who is the tiger?

Should animals have rights?

Should ALL animals have rights?

Which animals shouldn't have rights?

Should animals have the same rights as humans?

Are two legs better than four?

Sentence challenge!



Can you use colons in your writing?

Using a colon for a list, e.g. Nellie's trunk contained: a compass, money, family heirlooms and a large bag of her favourite peanuts.

Using a colon to add an extra clause, e.g. Nellie began to feel better: the tiger had told her a funny Joke!

Sick sentences!

These sentences are 'sick' and need your help to get better.

- ▶ **The elephant walked across the ground. A tiger lay on the suitcase. It was hot. The sky was grey.**



Perfect picture!

Can you draw what the circus was like that Nellie performed in?

Maybe you could draw what happened to it...

