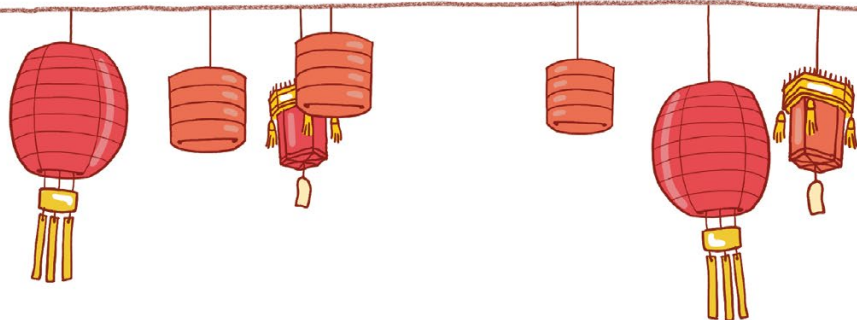




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Before Reading



- 1 Look at these people. You can see Dan, Sue, Laura Chan, Makenga and Michael Li. Listen to the people speaking and then write the correct name by each picture.



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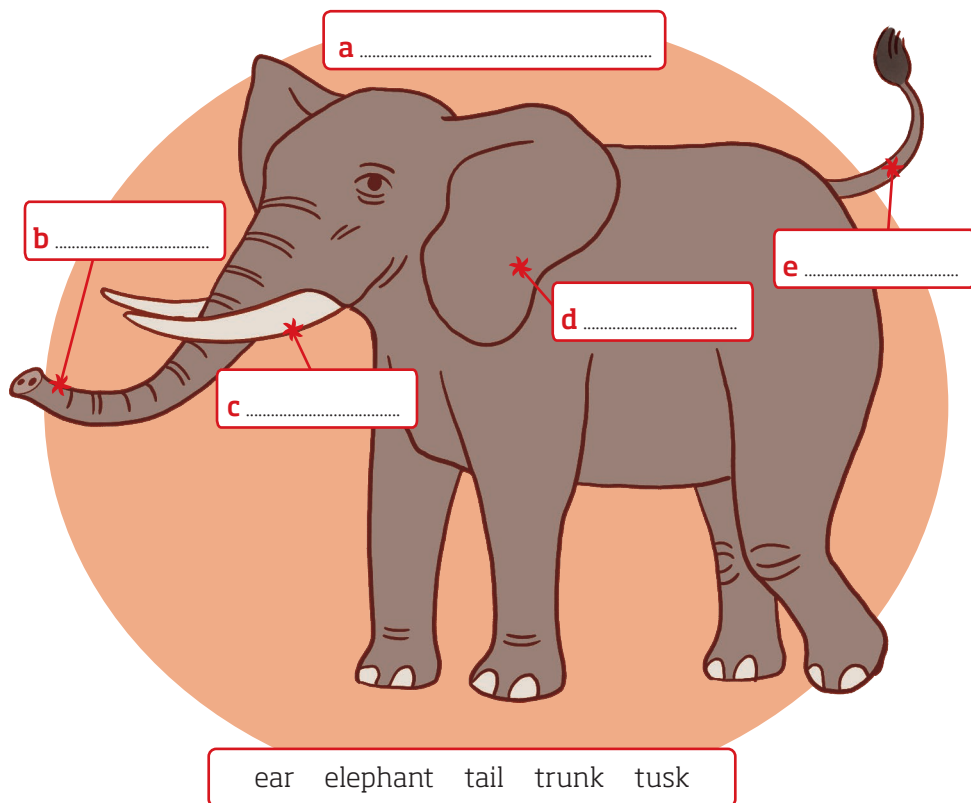
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- 2  Work in pairs. Which person do you like best? Why? Which person do you like least? Why?

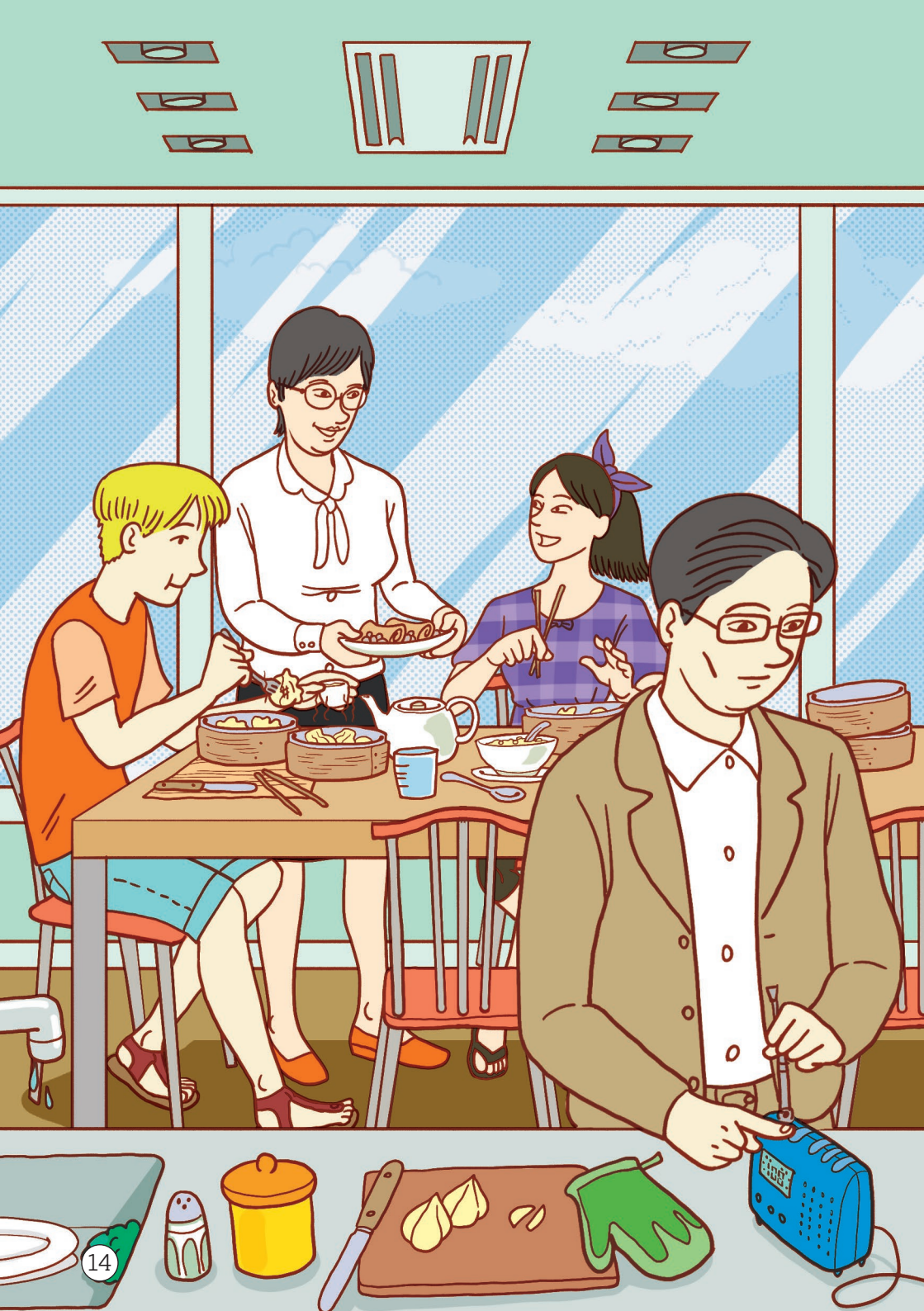
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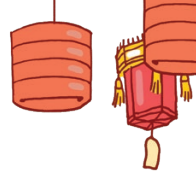


4 What do you know about ivory? Cross out the extra word or words below to make true sentences.

- a** Ivory comes from an elephant's **trunk** / **tusks**.
- b** In many countries, people are **allowed** / **not allowed** to kill elephants for their tusks.
- c** In many countries, people are **still allowed** / **not allowed** to buy and sell ivory.

5  **Work in pairs. What do you think? Is it OK to kill elephants for their tusks? Why/Why not?**





1 Breakfast with Sue's grandparents



'Would you like some dim sum', Dan? asked Tanya Li, Sue Barrington's grandmother. 'They're a special kind of Chinese food that we have for breakfast sometimes. These ones are chicken. Those ones are fish. And those ones are vegetable. Take one of each, if you like.'

'Thank you,' said Dan, and took one of each. 'They look delicious.'

Dan Parks and Sue Barrington are both 16 years old. They live in the village of Steeple Compton in the south of England. But they are in Hong Kong, visiting Sue's Chinese grandparents. Sue's mother is Chinese and her father is English. Sue's real name is Su Fei, but everybody calls her Sue.

'Sue?' asked Tanya Li, offering her the plate.

'Oh, yes please,' said Sue. 'I love dim sum. Mum sometimes makes them on Sundays.'

Her grandmother smiled. She was short, with black hair and round glasses.

Just then, Michael Li, Sue's grandfather, came into the kitchen. He was short, too, with a friendly face. He was also wearing glasses, and was dressed for work in a light-coloured suit and a white shirt.

'Hello, you two,' he said. 'Did you sleep well?'

'Yes, thank you,' said Dan and Sue together.

Michael turned on the radio.

'... and yesterday there was some important news about ivory'. This is Andrew Wong from the Department of Conservation, "We in Hong Kong feel strongly" about the buying and selling of ivory.

GLOSSARY

- **Department of Conservation:** environmental part of government
- **dim sum:** Chinese dish
- **feel strongly:** care a lot
- **ivory:** hard white material from elephants' tusks



“We feel we should do everything possible to stop the unnecessary and illegal• killing of elephants. Around 25,000 elephants die every year for the ivory in their tusks•. This cannot continue. The government• has decided to destroy 29 tonnes of ivory this year...”

‘How much is 29 tonnes, Granddad?’ asked Sue.

Michael turned the radio down.

‘It’s a lot,’ he replied. ‘29,000 kilograms.’

‘And why does the government have so much ivory?’ asked Dan.

‘Well, you are not allowed to bring ivory into Hong Kong any more,’ explained Michael. ‘It’s illegal. But some people try and bring it in because you can make a lot of money selling it. When they catch someone trying to bring ivory into Hong Kong, they take the ivory away and the government keeps it.’

‘But it’s terrible to kill elephants,’ said Sue, ‘so why do so many people want ivory?’

Michael smiled.

‘I’ll show you,’ he said. He turned the radio off and left the room. A couple of minutes later, he came back with something in his hand. He put it on the table in front of Sue and Dan.



GLOSSARY

- **government:** group of people who control a country
- **illegal:** against the law

- **tusk:** 

‘Ivory hasn’t always been illegal,’ he explained. ‘In fact, even today, there are some shops where you can buy ivory legally•.’

He pointed to the thing on the table.

‘That is legal ivory,’ he said, smiling. ‘Actually my great-grandfather made that.’

‘Wow!’ said Dan.

‘It’s beautiful,’ said Sue.

‘That’s the point,’ said Michael. ‘It is beautiful. People can make beautiful things out of ivory. And Chinese people have always loved things like that. We believe ivory brings good luck. But a lot of people don’t know where it comes from. They don’t know how many elephants die every year.’

‘They said on the radio 25,000 a year. That’s terrible,’ said Sue.

Ivory

What do you think is the difference between legal and illegal ivory?



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- **legally:** allowed by the law

‘Yes,’ agreed Tanya, putting some more dim sum on the table. ‘But the government is finally doing something. Mainly because everyone in Hong Kong wants them to do something. Even the schoolchildren.’

‘What do you mean?’ asked Sue.

‘Well,’ began Tanya, ‘schoolchildren all over Hong Kong have written letters to the government. In fact, in the school where I teach, 500 children got together and sent a letter from all of them to the government. They asked the government to stop all ivory trading.’

‘That’s great,’ said Sue.

‘Wonderful,’ said Dan.

‘Yes,’ agreed Tanya, smiling. ‘And the teachers didn’t ask the children to do this. The children did it all by themselves.’

‘That’s so cool,’ said Dan.

He looked at Sue.

‘We must find out more about ivory while we’re here in Hong Kong. Then maybe, when we get back to England, we can do something, too.’

‘That’s a good idea,’ agreed Sue. But she knew Dan. It sounded simple, but it probably wasn’t.

GLOSSARY

- **trading:** buying and selling

After Reading

Language

1 Complete the sentences using the past simple or the present perfect of the verbs in brackets.

- a Dan (not visit) Hong Kong before.
- b Dan (ask) Laura Chan some questions about ivory.
- c Makenga (see) Dan and Sue following him.
- d Makenga and Kamoti (be) to Hong Kong a number of times.
- e Sue (not want) to follow Makenga and Kamoti.
- f Sergeant Wong (know) about Makenga and Kamoti for some time.

2 Words that go together. Match a word from Box A and a word from Box B. Then complete the sentences below.

A

apartment
business
ivory
newspaper
police
shop

B

article
block
card
office
trader
window

- a Michael and Tanya Li live in an on the Peak.
- b Laura Chan's says she is licensed to sell ivory.
- c Laura Chan is an in Hong Kong.
- d Sergeant Wong is a in the Hong Kong police.
- e Dan and Sue watch Chan and Makenga through the
- f Dan finds a about Makenga in South Africa.