

For Advanced Kids Learners

Book 1

# Time to Talk

Lesson 9\_Elephants in Thailand



- **Answer the question.**

Where can you see elephants in your country?  
What do people do with them?



- **Read and learn**

## Elephants in Thailand

The elephant is one of the **national symbols** of Thailand. It plays an important part in the Thais' daily life.

### national symbol

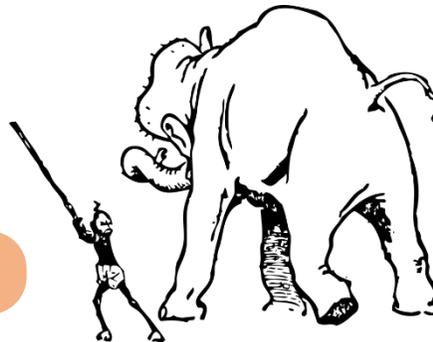
If something is a national symbol, it represents a country because it has a very important meaning in their culture.



symbol

- **Read and learn**

In the old times, the elephant was a symbol of the king's power. Thai soldiers **trained** about 20,000 elephants to fight against their enemies in war. But they were not only war animals, people used them for **transportation** too. This is why the elephant is the national animal of Thailand today.

A black and white line drawing of a person standing next to an elephant, holding a long stick or whip, representing the act of training.

train

A photograph of a modern blue bus, representing modern transportation.

transportation

- **Read and learn**

Many tourists visit Thailand to see elephants. If you go to Thailand, you will see elephant **patterns everywhere** - in the **temples** or on the clothes. In addition, they **celebrate** the National Elephant Day on March 13<sup>th</sup>. People can watch an elephant show in the streets and there's a lot of food for them after the show.



**patterns**



**temple**



**celebrate**

- Write the correct word in the blank.

transportation

train

symbol

patterns

temple

celebrate

\_\_\_\_\_ A vehicle, such as buses, trains, etc. for getting from one place to another.

\_\_\_\_\_ A design in which the same shape is repeated over a surface.

\_\_\_\_\_ To prepare someone or an animal for a job, activity, or sport by learning skills.

\_\_\_\_\_ A building used for the worship of a god or gods in some religions.

\_\_\_\_\_ To show that a day or an event is important by doing something special on that day.

\_\_\_\_\_ Anything used to represent something else.

- **Grammar**



## If I/you + do ..., I/you will + do ...

*To talk about things which might happen in the future.*

### Examples

- If I have enough money, I'll buy some new shoes.
- If you go to Thailand, you will see elephant patterns everywhere.



**What will you do if:**

1. It rains tomorrow.

Answer: If it rains tomorrow, \_\_\_\_\_.

2. You don't have money anymore.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_.

- Compare the elephants in Thailand before and now.

What was the elephant a symbol of long ago?

What symbol is the elephant now?

Before

Now



Elephants in Thailand

How do elephants help people now?

How did elephants help people long ago?

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