

Elephants can fly!

Teachers notes

Lesson focus

Punctuation

- Capital letters for sentence beginnings
- Capital letters for proper nouns
- Full stops
- Grammatical commas
- Apostrophes for possession

Grammar

- Apostrophes for possession
- Verb tense – present, past, future

Spelling

- Confused words: two/too/to, male/mail, which/witch, flew/flu
- Misspelt words

Writing

- Paragraphs

Teacher information

A recount is a retelling of events in time order.

Answers

This morning, London's **H** Heathrow **A**irport was the centre of a massive operation. *Two* fully grown Indian elephants were flown in from **M**umbai, India as part of a worldwide breeding programme.

The elephants, a young female named **T**risha and **R**ajah, a ten-year-old *male*, will be housed in specially constructed compounds at **L**ondon **Z**oo. They will join **M**isha, a long-time resident and a favourite with the zoo's *many* visitors.

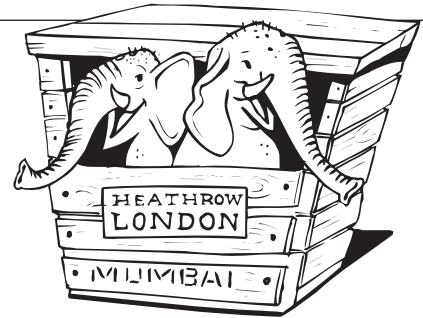
Martin **J**ones, the coordinator of the ambitious project, told reporters that the elephants, *which* travelled in specially designed crates, *flew* very well.

- (a) Missing punctuation is in **bold type**.
 - (b) The 10 commas are circled.
 - (c) Words with apostrophes are underlined.
London's, zoo's
 - (d) To show ownership
- (a) Spelling errors are in *italic type*.
Two, male, many, which, flew
- (a) (i) the elephants' tails (ii) the children's visit (iii) Trisha's compound
 - (b) past tense: was, were flown, told, travelled, flew
future tense: will be housed, will join
 - (c) the past tense
- (a) 3
 - (b) Teacher check. Paragraph 1 explains what happened at Heathrow Airport.

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Read the recount.

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1 Punctuation

- (a) The recount needs 17 capital letters (13 for proper nouns) and 5 full stops.
- (b) Circle all the commas. How many are there? _____
- (c) Circle the words with apostrophes.
- (d) Why is there an apostrophe in these two words?

- (b) There are 7 verbs underlined in the text. Write each verb in the correct column according to its tense.

Past tense	Future tense

2 Spelling

- (a) Highlight the correct spelling of the words in brackets.

- (c) Which tense was more often used?

3 Grammar

An apostrophe is used to show ownership. It goes after the owner(s); e.g. the lady's bag, the ladies' bags.

- (a) Add apostrophes to show ownership.
 - (i) the elephants tails
 - (ii) the childrens visit
 - (iii) Trishas compound

4 Writing

- (a) How many paragraphs are there in this recount? _____
- (b) What does the first paragraph explain?

