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Level Two

The Mighty Need A Helping Hand!

Elephants are intelligent, empathetic, strong and magnificent creatures. They are very sensitive and caring just like human beings. When there are so many similarities, it is but obvious that we need to treat them properly.

I have gone very close to elephants when visiting the various temples in South India. I have also seen them across various zoos and circuses. It was during one such visit, that I realized that they are one of the strongest animals on planet Earth, despite being a vegetarian!! I then came across various stories where I read about them being exploited and hunted for their ivory tusks. Small elephants were separated from their mothers for providing entertainment. I felt very sad and hence made up my mind to help them as they are so kind and affectionate to their attendants / mahouts.

I plan to avoid visiting shows/events that indulge in violence and cruelty to animals. They collect money through sale of tickets and use it for their own purposes rather than spending for the welfare of the elephants. My friends and I would form teams to collect money that we could send to the organization that works for the well-being and conservation of these elephants by taking the support of our parents and elders in the society. We will also write to the patrons of the temples requesting them to ensure timely and regular medical checkups for all the elephants.

I also propose to organize a quiz amongst all the school students so that, we the future citizens of the world are aware and work towards the safety and conservation of elephants which are at a risk due to their fast-dwindling population. I would increase awareness about the problems faced by elephants by talking to my friends, family and people in my neighborhood. I would encourage them to be more kind and considerate. I will strongly discourage my parents and other elders whom I know, from the purchase of artefacts and medicines made from elephant tusks. Last but not the least, I will also contribute a part of my pocket money towards this noble cause.

Let me leave you with this thought- "No one in the world needs an elephant tusk but an elephant !!"

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