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Save The Elephant

Read the text and answer the questions!

During the 1980's, the African elephant population had become endangered because humans had hunted them so frequently. The number of elephants had declined from well over one million to about six hundred thousand. It is estimated that more than two hundred seventy elephants were killed each day! Thousands of baby elephants, known as calves, were left to take care of themselves. The African elephant was in danger of becoming extinct. What was happening to the elephants? They were being killed by poachers who wanted their ivory tusks because ivory is valued all over the world. It was used for jewelry, statues, knife handles, billiard balls and other products. Organizations that protect animals and look out for their well-being were outraged. They devised a plan to change the situation. They began a publicity campaign to spread awareness of the problem. Some large companies helped by refusing to buy ivory and asking their customers to do the same. International laws were eventually passed to help make the killing of elephants less appealing. The sale of ivory was also made illegal world wide.

What is the main idea of the paragraph?

What may have happened if no one had made changes to help the African elephant?

How were baby elephant affected by poachers?

Name three objects that ivory was used for.

What are three things that were done to save the African elephants?