

The Story of Elephant Jumbo

Many years ago the London Zoo had a young elephant from Africa. The elephant was very small. His name was Jumbo. A man looked after him. His name was Scott. The elephant grew very quickly. Soon he learned to carry people on his back. Children liked to sit on little benches which he carried on his back. The people of London knew Jumbo and liked him.





One day a rich American saw Jumbo. He wanted to buy him and take him to America to show Jumbo in circus there and to make a lot of money.

He paid the London Zoo two thousand dollars for Jumbo. The people of London organized meetings of protest. They did not want Jumbo to go to America. But nothing helped.

When the elephant came out of the zoo, he lay down in the street and did not want to get up. Many times Scott told him to get up. When at last he got up, they began to walk to the Port of London. Many people stood in the streets and watched. The people wanted Jumbo to stay in the London Zoo.





But Jumbo and Scott went to America on a ship.

In America Jumbo was a circus elephant. He learned to carry things from one place to another and he danced.

The Americans also liked Jumbo.



True or False?

1. Jumbo was a very old elephant.

False

2. Jumbo lived in America.

False

3. A rich man wanted to take Jumbo to America.

True

4. The people wanted the elephant to stay in London.

True

5. Jumbo wanted to go to America.

False

6. In America Jumbo worked in the circus.

True