

Elephants at the Zoo



Today our class went to the zoo, where we saw the elephants. There were two elephants, a mother and her baby. A baby elephant is called a calf.

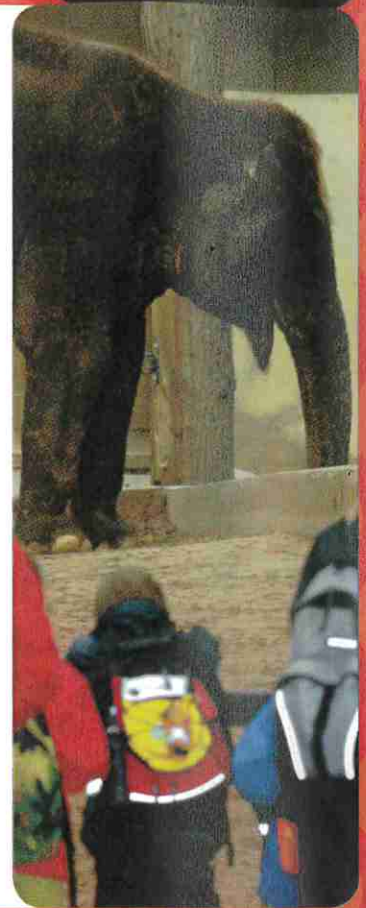
The calf was eating bananas and apples for its breakfast.

Then it was time to wash the elephants. They took a long time to wash because they were so big.

First the elephant was washed with a jet hose.

Then it lay down on one side and the keeper scrubbed it with a big brush and soapy water.

After their wash, the keepers took the elephants for a walk and we said goodbye to the elephants. The baby elephant made his ears flap. I think he was saying goodbye to me.



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Comprehension Questions



1. How many elephants were there at the zoo?

2. What is a baby elephant called?

3. Why do elephants take a long time to wash?

Activity: Draw a picture of you having a ride on the mother elephant.