

A Springtime Story with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by identifying key events and character perspectives within the historical Easter narrative.

Read the story below carefully. Answer the questions in full sentences, using evidence from the text where possible. Remember to check your spelling and punctuation.

Ellie the Elephant stood in the centre of the dusty library, her trunk gently turning the pages of an old, leather-bound book. She was reading about the historical events that led to the first Easter. The story told of a time of great change in a bustling city. People gathered to listen to messages of kindness and hope. As the days passed, the atmosphere in the city shifted from excitement to quiet reflection. Ellie traced the lines on the page with her trunk, learning how these events became the foundation of a tradition that brings families together every spring. She admired the bravery shown by those who stayed true to their beliefs, even when the world around them felt uncertain. For Ellie, this story was not just about the past; it was a reminder of the importance of kindness, forgiveness, and looking forward to new beginnings as the flowers begin to bloom.

Word bank: tradition · narrative · reflection · historical · celebration · courage

1. Why does Ellie find the story in the book to be important to her? (2 marks)

2. How did the atmosphere in the city change as the story progressed? (2 marks)

3. Find and copy two adjectives from the passage that describe how Ellie feels or acts while reading. (2 marks)

4. What does the author mean when they say the story is a 'reminder of new beginnings'? (3 marks)

5. Based on the text, what values did the people in the story demonstrate? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Ellie the Elephant sharing this story with her friends under a blooming spring tree.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in the city described in the text. Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing what you see happening in the city streets on the day of the celebration.