



Elephants in South Africa (J. Sanders)

ELEPHANT POACHING

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Megan Lowther: Uh so I'm going to assume that you're against elephant poaching (Yes! Definitely!) the same as I am. Good good.

Hollie Chalmers: Definitely against elephant poaching. I don't see the point.

Megan: There is literally- It's it's all profit basically (It's disgusting) It's the only reason. Yeah.

Hollie: It's completely disgusting. It's just greed isn't it.

Megan: Yeah. It's actually, it's not necessarily poaching, because it was legal, but there was that guy... who- what was it, he he was shooting elephants and then it fell on him as it died. (Good!) Yeah. (Good!) **I was like**, "Well that's risk you take."

Hollie: That's what you deserve! (Exactly) Exactly! Karma!

Megan: Oh and another thing, um I was reading on Facebook recently um I think it was this morning actually, that Theresa May (Oh god) was something about you know, um the ivory trade, (Mm-hmm) something about kind of not really wanting to have - um, what do you call it, **what's the word**, restrictions on it anymore? (Right) which doesn't surprise me in the least (Well no) because of the whole fox hunting thing... and that.

Hollie: Well yeah. (So) Well she doesn't seem to want to have too much of an opinion on anything, does she?

Megan: I don't think she- she just doesn't care about animals. I think that's the problem.

Hollie: I don't think she cares about anyone really. (No. So) But no, in terms of elephants, (Mm-hmm) specifically and not Theresa May. (Yes) Yeah it is disgusting. So is poaching illegal in Africa then? **Because** I thought it was illegal.

Megan: I think poa- poaching is the illegal version of hunting so... (Right) Because I know there are game reserves where you are allowed to go out and hunt and take things. But I think because- I don't kn- I know rhinos especially you're not meant to (Hm) touch them. So there's a lot of um- there's almost almost like a military... There's these rangers who kind of stop people from poaching these animals (Hm) like um because it's really- it's a huge problem and the fact that obviously a lot of the time **it's not even- you're not-** they're not even using the entire body of the elephant. They're **literally** (Hm) hacking off the tusks (Tusks) because that's where that's where the money is. Um it's such a huge waste. It's absolutely terrib- terrible. I don't know, it's having an impact on Africa itself because um the ele- the elephants obviously, like, it says here

that they have a sort of impact on the environment and they can help (Hmm) to shape the land (Yes) So what kind of devastating sub- it's devastating at the moment, because i hear a lot of excuses for hunting is that you know, "We're controlling populations, and we're stopping animals from (Yeah) destroying the place."

Hollie: That's always the excuse, isn't it?

Megan: Yeah but obviously it's the opposite way. They're killing these elephants and then it's- it's stopping um, environmental change.

Hollie: Well it says here, doesn't it, "the grasslands of Africa might not exist without the elephant".

Megan: Yeah, it's literally that big a deal. So it's something that really needs to be sorted out. (Controlled) Yeah.

Hollie: 100%.

Megan: Mm-hmm.

Word count	Time	Words/Min.
530	2:45	192.73

Pointers:

I was like: meaning: "my thought was:" (0:28)

what do you call it, what's the word: Megan was trying to remember the word she wanted to say (0:49)

Because: pronounced, "KUZ" (1:15)

it's not even- you're not: Megan corrects herself twice without losing any of her fluency (1:44)

literally: often used in current English to add emphasis to a statement, but is often used improperly, e.g.: "My brain literally exploded with anger." (1:48)

Discussion:

Have you ever seen an elephant?

What do you think of big-game hunting?

Do you own anything made of ivory?

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