

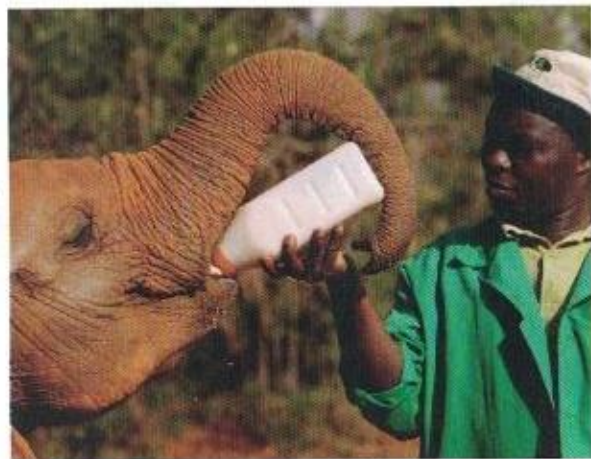
Adopt an elephant

This is Shukuru. She is from Tsavo. Today, she lives in the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage near Nairobi. She arrived at the orphanage in September 2009. She was only three days old.

Now she has a new family and a lot of friends. Visitors can meet her. They can adopt her too, but she is always going to live in Africa.

A lot of people visit the orphanage. At 11 o'clock in the morning, the elephants come out with their keepers. The elephants run and play. Then the keepers give them their food. Sometimes a young rhino comes out and plays too. The visitors stand very near the animals and take a lot of photos.

The animals are in the orphanage because they haven't got families. The keepers are their 'mothers'. After some time (perhaps ten years), the elephants go back into the **wild**.



wild /waɪld/ (n/adj) In Africa you can see animals in the *wild*. These are *wild* animals.

Samson's Story

The year was 1954. There was very little rain in the Tsavo Game Reserve. Some visitors arrived and they loved Tsavo.

One evening, they watched a family of elephants. One young elephant was very thin and unhappy. He was ill and he wanted water. He walked slowly behind his mother. The elephants arrived at the water and started to drink. The young elephant wanted to stay near the water. His mother wanted to go. She didn't want to go away from her son, but she went with the other elephants.

The visitors watched the young elephant. He was lucky. No lions or other animals came near him.

The elephant was the first orphan in David Sheldrick's elephant orphanage. His name was Samson.

