



#### Compare Your Think Aloud With Hasan's Think Aloud:

**Hasan's Think Aloud:** The first question says, "The Elephant Sanctuary doesn't allow visitors. Why do you think they've made that decision?" I'm thinking that when a question asks, *Why do you think...*, it often signals an In My Head: Author and Me question, because I need to put together my own ideas with information from the text to determine an answer. As I scan back over the second paragraph, I read, "The Elephant Sanctuary is much like life in the wild for the elephants." This sentence helps me understand that the Sanctuary wants the elephants' habitat to be like life in the wild. I also know that there are no humans living in elephants' natural habitat. I'm thinking that the Elephant Sanctuary is focused on taking care of the elephants. Visitors aren't allowed because they could disturb the elephants. I am glad that visitors are able to see the elephants through the ele-cams located in downtown Hohenwald. I will record my answer, "The Elephant Sanctuary is focused on taking care of the elephants. Visitors aren't allowed because they could disturb the elephants. They are able to see the elephants by viewing them through the ele-cams located in downtown Hohenwald."

The second question asks, "How would you take care of an animal?" Since this question is asking *how I* would do something, I'm thinking that this is an In My Head: On My Own question type. I know that this question type is not found in the text, but requires me to think about my prior knowledge of animals and how I'm taken care of. I know that I should never try to take care of a wild animal, but I can take care of my pet. I would take care of my pet by making sure it had a warm place to rest, had plenty to eat, and plenty of water to drink, because my mom lets me sleep a lot, makes meals for me, and makes me drink my milk. I will record this as my answer.

#### Questions and Answers:

The Elephant Sanctuary doesn't allow visitors. Why do you think they've made that decision?"

**The Elephant Sanctuary is focused on taking care of the elephants. Visitors aren't allowed because they could disturb the elephants. They are able to see the elephants by viewing them through the ele-cams located in downtown Hohenwald.**

How would you take care of an animal?"

**I would take care of my pet by making sure it had a warm place to rest, plenty to eat, and plenty of water to drink, because my mom lets me sleep a lot, makes meals for me, and makes me drink my milk.**

#### Just Like Home: The Elephant Sanctuary

Asian and African elephants have a place to call home outside the zoo or circus. The Elephant Sanctuary is in Hohenwald, Tennessee. Elephants who are old or have special needs are cared for and protected at the sanctuary. They can graze green pastures, bathe in the pond, and explore forests just like in their natural habitat. A heated barn keeps elephants warm in the winter.



**The Elephant Sanctuary is much like life in the wild for the elephants.** In the wild, Asian and African elephants don't live side by side. They each have their own habitats at the sanctuary, too. The sanctuary also has only female elephants, since males and females live apart from each other in the wild.

A new education gallery is being built in **downtown Hohenwald. Visitors will be able to see the elephants up close through special video cameras called "ele-cams."**

#### Questions To Think About:

- How do *question stems* help signal "In My Head" questions?
- What type of thinking do you need to do in order to answer "In My Head" questions?
- Why is it helpful to use clues from the text and prior knowledge when answering an "In My Head" question?
- Why might this strategy be useful?
- When might this process be helpful?