A Taipei Story with Elephants

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Taipei had big parades on two nights. People came from all over Taiwan and the world. Musicians played music. Dancers danced on the street.

Three big elephants walked on the street with them! The elephants' heads slowly went up and down. Their big ears slowly moved. A rider sat on each elephant!

The elephants are not real. They are very big puppets! The parade had bird puppets too. People made these puppets move.

Artists from France made this parade 18 years ago. The elephant puppets walked in 30 cities in 8 countries! Each time, the artists made the parade about the city.

The parade in Taipei was about Taipei and the Taipei Zoo! Forty years ago, the zoo moved. It moved the animals in a big parade! Twenty buses carried big
elephants, tall giraffes, and more. Many people came to watch. Maybe someone
you know watched too!

And maybe some people watching the elephant puppets remembered Lin Wang. This
elephant was in the zoo parade. Everyone loved him!

People loved the elephant and bird puppets from France too. They loved the music and the dancing. The second night was the 100th time the parade was done! People sang a birthday song!

The artists made a Taipei story with their elephant puppets. Taipei will remember these parades for a long, long time!

Vocabulary

你有看到機械大象走上台北街頭嗎?

1. night 晚上
It's a nice night. Let's go for a walk. 今晚天氣真好。我們去散步吧。
Sure. I want to buy some fruit, too. 好啊。我也想買點水果。

2. street 街道
There's a fruit shop on this street. 這條街上有一家水果店。
Oh, look! 你看！Why are all those people here? 怎麼有那麼多人？

3. music 音樂
There's a band! 有樂團耶！I love this music. 我喜歡這個音樂。
Me too. 我也是。And people are dancing! 而且還有人在跳舞！

4. watch 看；觀看
Let's watch them for a few minutes. 我們看幾分鐘吧。
Okay. We can buy fruit later. 好啊。我們可以晚點再買水果。

我們再念一次：night 晚上 street 街道 music 音樂 watch 看；觀看。

Quiz

1. What kind of puppets were in the parade?
a. Musician and dancer puppets
b. Elephant and bird puppets
c. Tall giraffe puppets

2. How many cities did this parade go to?
a. Eight
b. Eighteen
c. Thirty

3. What was the parade about?
a. Taipei Zoo
b. France
c. Lin Wang

Answers

1. b
2. c
3. a