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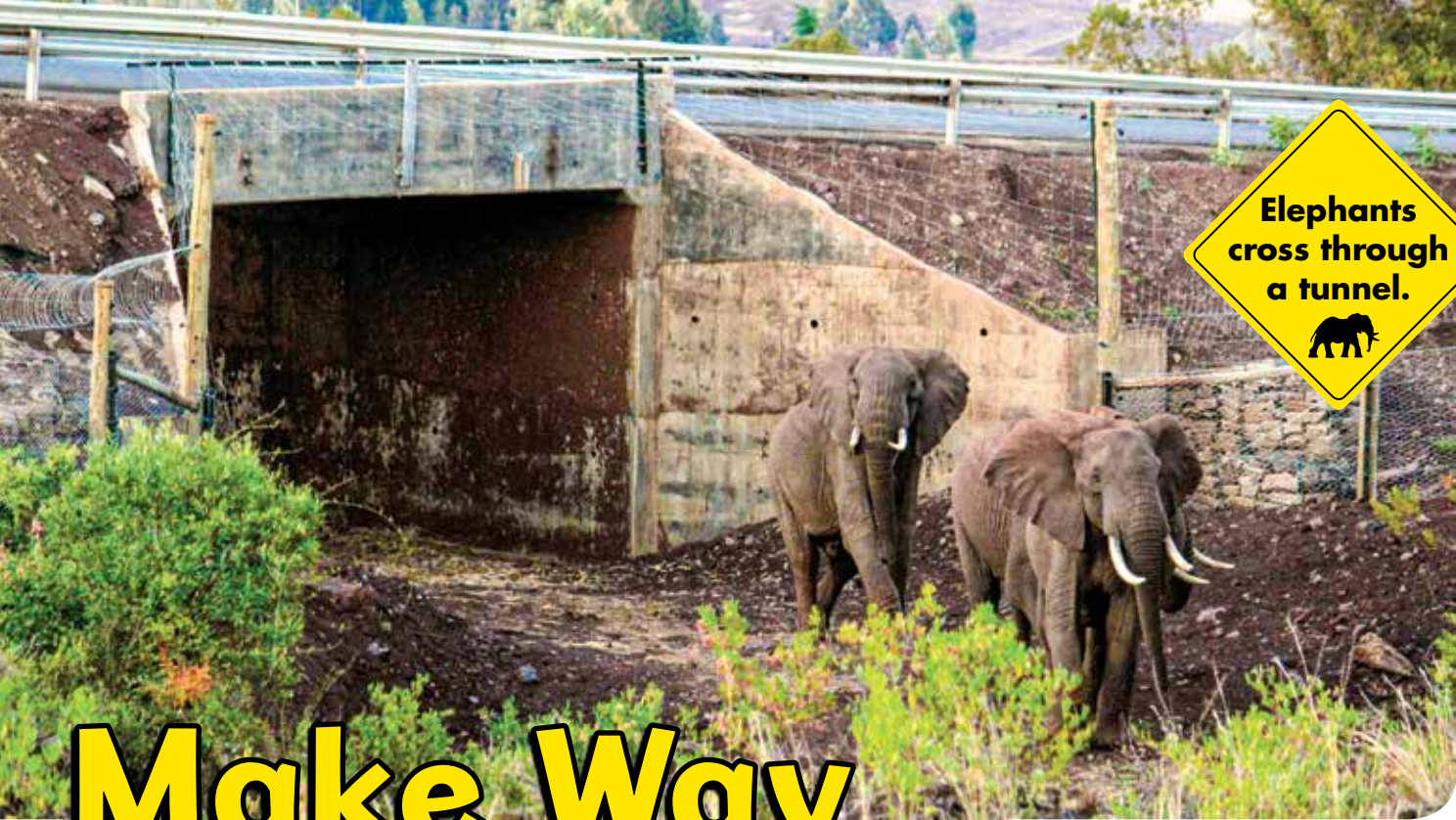
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Look Both Ways, Elephants!

In some places, animals have to cross busy roads to find food. That's dangerous for the animals and for the people in the cars. But there's a solution to keep everyone safe.

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Make Way for Animals!

Wildlife paths let animals and humans share a habitat.

As You Read

Think about how wildlife paths keep habitats safe.

A family of elephants lives in a beautiful grassy **habitat**. The habitat has tasty plants to eat and cool water to drink. It has shady trees to rest under.

But the habitat also has one thing the elephants really DON'T need: a busy highway full of cars.

A Dangerous Problem

In many places, people build roads through animals' habitats. All day long, cars and trucks speed by, and animals can't always stay away from the road. They may need to cross it to get to where their food is or to find other animals.

The road is a dangerous problem. If a car hits an animal, the animal could be badly hurt, and the people in the car could get hurt too.

Animals need a way to get around their habitat without having to cross the road. But how?

A Safe Solution

People have come up with a solution. They've built paths that let animals cross roads safely, called **wildlife corridors**.

Some wildlife corridors are bridges that go over roads. People plant trees and grass on these bridges so they look more like the natural habitat.

Other wildlife corridors are tunnels that go under the roads. Animals can look through them and see the habitat on the other side.

A World of Wildlife Corridors

Wildlife corridors aren't just for elephants—they help all kinds of animals. Big animals, like bears and

coyotes, use corridors. Medium-sized animals, like monkeys and foxes, use them too. And even tiny animals,

like toads and crabs, use corridors!

Different animals **prefer** to use different kinds of corridors. Some animals, like moose

and deer, prefer open spaces, so they use bridge corridors that are open to the sky.

Other animals, like cougars and black bears, prefer covered spaces and use the tunnel corridors.

Wildlife corridors help animals

get around their habitats to find food. They help keep people from getting in dangerous accidents. They are a great way for animals and

people to live in the same area safely!

—by Blair Rainsford

