Growing Up with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the stages of human growth and identify ways children become more independent as they grow.

Ellie the Elephant is looking through her photo album! She remembers how she grew from a tiny calf into a big, strong elephant. Look at the life stages below. Your task is to sequence the stages of human growth by numbering them 1 to 4, starting from being a brand new baby and ending as an adult.

Word bank: Baby · Toddler · Child · Adult

1. 1. Look at the stages: A person who has just been born. Which word from our word bank is this? (1 mark)

2. 2. When you were a baby, you needed help with everything. What is one thing you can do all by yourself now that you are older? (2 marks)

3. 3. If a baby needs a new toy that costs £2, and you have £5, do you have enough money to buy it? How do you know? (2 marks)

4. 4. How does your body change when you grow from a toddler to a child? (Think about your height or your clothes). (2 marks)

5. 5. Why is it important to be kind to people who are at different stages of growing up? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of yourself doing something you are proud of now that you are growing up, such as tying your own shoelaces, reading a book, or helping a friend.

Extension challenge: Ask a grown-up at home to show you a photo of yourself when you were a baby. Talk about two things you can do now that you could not do in that photo.