

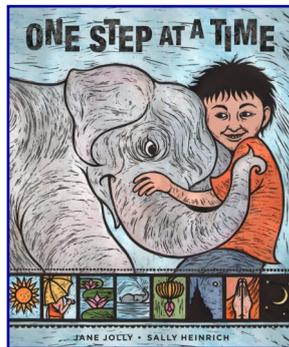
## One Step At A Time

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*One Step at a Time* is an exquisite picture book which tells a touching story about the relationship between a young boy, Luk, and his elephant, Mali. On the border of Thailand and Burma, Mali steps on a landmine. Luk supports her during her recovery. Mali is eventually fitted with a prosthesis and gets a second chance at life. *One Step at a Time* is a groundbreaking story. Heinrich's beautiful illustrations match Jolly's light touch when it comes to writing about the sensitive subject of landmines. It is a story about love and friendship that will enthrall children around the world.



Teacher notes have been taken from those supplied by the creators. A full version is available at <https://lukandmali.wordpress.com/teachers-notes/>

### ENVIRONMENT/GEOGRAPHY

The story is set in the mountainous rainforests of Asia. It could be any of the countries of Laos, Thailand, Burma, Cambodia, Vietnam or the Philippines where landmines have been left after bombing campaigns.

- Find a map of Asia and colour the countries known to still have landmines left behind.
- What is the work that the elephants are doing in the forest? Why are elephants used and not machinery?

### HISTORY

- Choose one country in the region and research which wars it has been involved in.
- Were landmines used during the war? If so by whom? And why?

### ELEPHANTS

- What are some of the threats that Asian elephants face in the 21st century?
- Go to this site to view the webpage of Elephant Family - an organisation which is helping the endangered Asian elephant. <http://www.elephantfamily.org/>
- What are some actions you could take to help save the Asian elephant?

### LANDMINES

- Read some facts about landmines at: <http://lukandmali.wordpress.com>
- List some of the devastating impact landmines can have on a community.
- What is a prosthetic?
- Research the manufacture and costs of prosthetics.
- Have you heard of any other animals being fitted with prosthetics?
- Why do you think the author used the elephant to show the story of landmines? Who else do you think might be harmed by landmines?
- Design a poster to warn populations of landmines.

### BUDDHISM

- What have you learnt about Buddhism from the story?
- What was the origin of Buddhism?
- Go to this website to get a very simple and quick understanding of Buddhism: <http://www.buddhanet.net/e-learning/5minbud.htm>
- What 5 rules do you think you could live by?
- What are the other most popular religions in Asia?