

Answers

1. "After the 2015 earthquake, with visitor numbers down anyway, we decided the time was right for change."
2.
 - a. "I loved walking with the elephants," said one tourist.
 - b. "I am pleased," said a mahout thoughtfully. "My elephant will now spend time in a large paddock."
 - c. "Do the elephants like walking with tourists?" asked the girl. "Yes they do," answered the mahout.