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Level 4

World's last male northern white rhino dies

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Animal lovers are mourning the loss of Sudan the rhinoceros. Sudan, 45, was the world's last male northern white rhino. He died at a zoo in Kenya after "age-related complications". Officials say his health "worsened significantly" and he was too weak to stand. His muscles had weakened and his skin had "extensive wounds". The zoo's director called Sudan's death, "a cruel symbol of human disregard for nature". He said everyone who knew Sudan was sad.

The northern white rhino have been hunted to near-extinction because of the value of their horns. There were more than 2,000 in the 1960s. The only northern white rhinos alive today are Sudan's daughter and granddaughter. They live in a zoo so they will be safe. Conservationists want them to produce young to keep their species going. In vitro fertilization could be used on them. The zoo needs \$9 million to fund the conservation project.

Sources: <https://www.popsoci.com/northern-white-rhino-species-conservation>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Animal | a. white rhino |
| 2. mourning the | b. for nature |
| 3. the world's last male northern | c. significantly |
| 4. age-related | d. lovers |
| 5. his health worsened | e. to stand |
| 6. he was too weak | f. wounds |
| 7. his skin had extensive | g. loss of Sudan |
| 8. human disregard | h. complications |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. hunted to near- | a. in the 1960s |
| 2. the value of | b. fertilization |
| 3. There were more than 2,000 | c. they will be safe |
| 4. The only northern white rhinos | d. project |
| 5. They live in a zoo so | e. their species going |
| 6. produce young to keep | f. extinction |
| 7. in vitro | g. alive today |
| 8. fund the conservation | h. their horns |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Animal lovers are (1) _____ of Sudan the rhinoceros.

Sudan, 45, was the world's last male northern white rhino. He died at a zoo

in Kenya after "(2) _____". Officials say his health

"worsened significantly" and he was too (3) _____. His

muscles had weakened and his skin had "(4) _____". The

zoo's director called Sudan's death, "(5) _____ of human

disregard for nature". He (6) _____ knew Sudan was sad.

The northern white rhino have been hunted (7) _____

because of (8) _____ their horns. There were more than

2,000 in the 1960s. The only northern white rhinos

(9) _____ Sudan's daughter and granddaughter. They live

in a zoo so they will be safe. Conservationists want

(10) _____ young to keep (11) _____. In

vitro fertilization could be used on them. The zoo needs \$9 million

(12) _____ conservation project.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RHINOS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about rhinos in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

