

## Internet fury at woman who killed giraffe

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Images of an American trophy hunter posing for a photo next to a black giraffe that she had shot and killed in South Africa have caused outrage online. It has sparked a heated debate on whether or not trophy hunting

should be banned. Wikipedia says: "Trophy hunting is the hunting of wild game for human recreation. The trophy is the animal or part of the animal kept, and usually displayed, to represent the success of the hunt." A fee is usually paid to the government to help wildlife conservation. Critics of this say countries earn far more from wildlife tourism than from big game hunting. The giraffe's killing is being compared to Cecil the lion, the iconic big cat hunted and killed by an American dentist in 2015.

The latest killing caused an account on Twitter called Africa Digest to write: "White American savage, who is partly a Neanderthal, comes to Africa and shoot down a very rare black giraffe, courtesy of South African stupidity." The American hunter defended her actions. She told CBS News that the giraffe was an old male that was attacking and killing younger giraffes. She said: "This is called conservation through game management. Now that the giraffe is gone, the younger bulls are able to breed." Paul Babaz, president of the hunting group Safari Club International defended the woman. He said: "She was hunting in South Africa and giraffes are legal to hunt in South Africa."

Sources: [cbsnews.com](http://cbsnews.com) / [ecowatch.com](http://ecowatch.com) / [onegreenplanet.org](http://onegreenplanet.org)

## Writing

Big game hunting should be banned. Discuss.

## Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

trophy / hunter / posing / giraffe / outrage / wild game / success / wildlife / lion / savage / Neanderthal / stupidity / conservation / bulls / breed / president / hunting

## True / False

- A hunter posed for a photo next to a black giraffe she had killed. T / F
- Trophy hunting is the killing of wild game for conservation. T / F
- None of the money paid by trophy hunters goes towards conservation. T / F
- Critics say countries earn more from hunting than from wildlife tourism. T / F
- A Twitter user described the hunter as being a "savage". T / F
- The giraffe that was shot had killed younger giraffes. T / F
- The hunter said her actions would allow younger giraffes to breed. T / F
- Hunting giraffes is illegal in South Africa. T / F

## Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. images</b>       | a. preservation |
| <b>2. outrage</b>      | b. show         |
| <b>3. recreation</b>   | c. slaughter    |
| <b>4. represent</b>    | d. foolishness  |
| <b>5. killing</b>      | e. fury         |
| <b>6. savage</b>       | f. justified    |
| <b>7. stupidity</b>    | g. photos       |
| <b>8. defended</b>     | h. reproduce    |
| <b>9. conservation</b> | i. fun          |
| <b>10. breed</b>       | j. monster      |

## Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about trophy hunting?
- What do you think of the hunter for killing the giraffe?
- Should trophy hunting be banned?
- Are people who hunt the same as those who eat meat?
- Why do hunters put the heads of animals on their wall?
- Should the governments focus more on wildlife tourism?
- Are there some animals it is never OK to hunt?
- Are hunters worse than abattoirs (slaughter houses)?

## Phrase Match

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. posing for                 | a. paid to the government |
| 2. sparked a heated           | b. management             |
| 3. A fee is usually           | c. hunting                |
| 4. big game                   | d. the woman              |
| 5. the iconic big             | e. a photo                |
| 6. shoot down a very          | f. hunt in South Africa   |
| 7. conservation through game  | g. to breed               |
| 8. the younger bulls are able | h. cat                    |
| 9. defended                   | i. rare black giraffe     |
| 10. giraffes are legal to     | j. debate                 |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Should hunting be banned?
- What do you think of the tweet from Africa Digest?
- Did the hunter help conservation by killing the old giraffe?
- What do you think of posing for photos next to hunted animals?
- Should the woman have not posted the photo on social media?
- What do you think of it being illegal to hunt giraffes?
- What questions would you like to ask the trophy hunter?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

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6. j	7. d	8. f	9. a	10. h

## Role Play

### Role A – Animals Have Rights

You think animals having rights is the biggest reason not to hunt. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these reasons (and why): endangering species, the animal suffering or not needing meat.

### Role B – It Endangers Species

You think endangering species is the biggest reason not to hunt. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these reasons (and why): animals having rights, the animal suffering or not needing meat.

### Role C – The Animal Suffers

You think the animal suffering is the biggest reason not to hunt. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these reasons (and why): endangering species, animals having rights or not needing meat.

### Role D – We Don't Need Meat

You think not needing meat is the biggest reason not to hunt. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these reasons (and why): endangering species, the animal suffering or animals having rights.

## Speaking – No Hunting

Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest reasons for not hunting at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • We don't need meat | • Animals have rights         |
| • Hunting accidents  | • It destroys animal families |
| • It's immoral       | • It makes us more violent    |
| • The animal suffers | • It endangers species        |

### Answers – True False

a	T	b	F	c	F	d	F	e	T	f	T	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.