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Level 4 – 30th April 2023

2,000 near-threatened white rhinos to be auctioned

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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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The word "auction" usually makes us think of art or wine. We rarely think of threatened species. However, rich people with at least \$10 million can bid for 1,993 rhinos on International Save the Rhino Day. A South African multi-millionaire conservationist, John Hume, is selling his rhinos. He started a breeding project 30 years ago with 200 animals. He increased his stock by ten-fold. He is also selling his 8,500-hectare ranch.

Mr Hume owns over 10 per cent of the world's rhinos. He spent \$150 million on his project, but can no longer afford it. He has to pay vets' bills, security guards and helicopter patrols. He said he used all his life savings and has run out of money. He hopes a billionaire will "save the population of rhinos from extinction rather than own a super-yacht". He said: "Rhinos are underdogs. They stand the least chance of surviving poaching."

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/apr/28/white-rhinos-for-sale-one-careful-owner-tycoon-looks-for-a-billionaire-to-buy-his-conservation-ranch>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The word "auction" usually makes | a. conservationist |
| 2. We rarely think of threatened | b. ten-fold |
| 3. people with at | c. us think of art |
| 4. bid for | d. 8,500-hectare ranch |
| 5. A South African multi-millionaire | e. species |
| 6. He started a breeding | f. 1,993 rhinos |
| 7. He increased his stock by | g. project |
| 8. He is also selling his | h. least \$10 million |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Hume owns over 10 per cent | a. underdogs |
| 2. He spent \$150 million | b. savings |
| 3. He has to pay vets' | c. chance of surviving |
| 4. He said he used all his life | d. super-yacht |
| 5. the population of rhinos | e. bills |
| 6. own a | f. of the world's rhinos |
| 7. Rhinos are | g. on his project |
| 8. They stand the least | h. from extinction |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The (1) _____ makes us think of art or wine. We rarely (2) _____ species. However, rich people (3) _____ \$10 million can bid for 1,993 rhinos on International Save the Rhino Day. A South African multi-millionaire conservationist, John Hume, (4) _____ rhinos. He started (5) _____ 30 years ago with 200 animals. He increased his stock (6) _____. He is also selling his 8,500-hectare ranch.

Mr Hume (7) _____ per cent of the world's rhinos. He spent \$150 million (8) _____, but can no longer afford it. He has to (9) _____, security guards and helicopter patrols. He said he used all (10) _____ and has run out of money. He hopes a billionaire will "save the population of rhinos from extinction (11) _____ a super-yacht". He said: "Rhinos are underdogs. They stand the (12) _____ surviving poaching."

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) _____

