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Level 5

World's last male northern white rhino dies

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Conservationists and animal lovers are mourning the loss of Sudan the rhinoceros. Sudan was the world's last male northern white rhino. Sudan, 45, was put down at a zoo in Kenya after "age-related complications". He had been in poor health due to his old age. Officials say his condition "worsened significantly" and he was not strong enough to stand. His muscles had deteriorated and his skin had "extensive wounds". The zoo's director said: "Sudan's death was a cruel symbol of human disregard for nature and it saddened everyone who knew him."

Hunters have hunted the northern white rhino to near-extinction. There were more than 2,000 in the wild in the 1960s but their numbers continually fell because of the value of their horns. The only northern white rhinos alive today are Sudan's daughter and granddaughter. They live in captivity so they will be protected. There are hopes they can produce young to keep their species going. In vitro fertilization techniques using semen from other dead rhinos could be used with Sudan's offspring. The zoo wants to raise \$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. for nature |
| 2. mourning | b. significantly |
| 3. Sudan, 45, was put | c. the loss of Sudan |
| 4. his condition worsened | d. down at a zoo |
| 5. he was not strong | e. who knew him |
| 6. his skin had extensive | f. lovers |
| 7. a cruel symbol of human disregard | g. enough to stand |
| 8. it saddened everyone | h. wounds |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. hunted the northern white rhino | a. their horns |
| 2. there were more than 2,000 | b. captivity |
| 3. the value of | c. project |
| 4. They live in | d. in the wild |
| 5. produce young to keep their | e. techniques |
| 6. in vitro fertilization | f. raise \$9 million |
| 7. The zoo wants to | g. species going |
| 8. fund the conservation | h. to near-extinction |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Conservationists and animal lovers (1) _____ loss of Sudan the rhinoceros. Sudan was the world's last male northern white rhino. Sudan, 45, was (2) _____ a zoo in Kenya after "age-related complications". He had been (3) _____ due to his old age. Officials (4) _____ "worsened significantly" and he was not strong (5) _____. His muscles had deteriorated and his skin had "extensive wounds". The zoo's director said: "Sudan's death was (6) _____ of human disregard for nature and it saddened everyone who knew him."

Hunters have hunted the northern white rhino (7) _____. There were more than 2,000 in the wild in the 1960s but their numbers (8) _____ of the value of their horns. The only northern white rhinos (9) _____ Sudan's daughter and granddaughter. They live in captivity so they will be protected. There (10) _____ can produce young to keep their species going. (11) _____ techniques using semen from other dead rhinos could be used with Sudan's offspring. The zoo wants to raise \$9 million (12) _____ conservation project.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RHINOS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180323-white-rhino-4.html>

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) _____

