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Level 4 – 26th March, 2020

Numbers of black rhino on the rise

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200326-black-rhino-4.html>

Conservationists are happy because the number of African black rhinos increased. The rhinos had been poached to near extinction. An international conservation group said there were 4,845 black rhinos in Africa in 2012. This rose to 5,630 in 2018 - an increase of 2.5 per cent a year for six years. The increase is a good sign for the future of the species. They are still endangered and at risk of extinction. Conservationists hope numbers will keep growing.

Big efforts have been made to save the black rhino. These include relocating them away from poachers, ensuring a better male-to-female ratio, and stronger laws to protect them. The group said: "The continued slow recovery is a...powerful reminder that conservation works." It added: "There is no room for complacency as poaching and illegal trade remain acute threats. It is essential that the ongoing anti-poaching measures...continue."

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/mar/19/win-for-conservation-as-african-black-rhino-numbers-rise>
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/africa/african-black-rhino-population-endangered-extinction-a9412341.html>
<https://www.metro.news/critically-endangered-african-rhino-numbers-slowly-increasing/1950126/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the number of African black rhinos | a. the species |
| 2. rhinos had been poached to near | b. group |
| 3. An international conservation | c. growing |
| 4. an increase of 2.5 per cent a | d. extinction |
| 5. The increase is a good | e. of extinction |
| 6. the future of | f. increased |
| 7. at risk | g. sign |
| 8. numbers will keep | h. year for six years |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Big efforts have | a. for complacency |
| 2. relocating them away | b. to protect them |
| 3. ensuring a better male- | c. poaching measures |
| 4. stronger laws | d. been made |
| 5. a powerful reminder that | e. threats |
| 6. There is no room | f. to-female ratio |
| 7. acute | g. conservation works |
| 8. ongoing anti- | h. from poachers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Conservationists are (1) _____ number of African black rhinos increased. The rhinos had been (2) _____ extinction. An international conservation (3) _____ were 4,845 black rhinos in Africa in 2012. This rose to 5,630 in 2018 - (4) _____ 2.5 per cent a year for six years. The increase is a good sign for the future (5) _____. They are still endangered and at risk of extinction. Conservationists hope numbers (6) _____.

Big efforts have been (7) _____ the black rhino. These include relocating (8) _____ poachers, ensuring a better male-to-female ratio, and (9) _____ protect them. The group said: "The continued (10) _____ a...powerful reminder that conservation works." It added: "There is (11) _____ complacency as poaching and (12) _____ acute threats. It is essential that the ongoing anti-poaching measures...continue."

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) _____

