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Level 5 – 26th March, 2019

Numbers of black rhino on the rise

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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 are happy after a rise in the numbers of African black rhinos. The rhinos had been poached to a level of near extinction. Efforts to protect them have worked. Black rhinos are still endangered and are at risk of extinction. Conservationists are hopeful their numbers will keep growing. The International Union for Conservation of Nature reported that there were 4,845 black rhinos in Africa in 2012. This number rose to 5,630 in 2018. This is an increase of 2.5 per cent per year over six years. The Union said the increase is a good sign for saving the species.

Big efforts have been made to save the black rhino. These include relocating them to areas with fewer poachers, ensuring a better male-to-female ratio to aid reproduction, and stronger laws to protect them. The Union said: "The continued slow recovery is a testament to the immense efforts made...and 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 and intensive, proactive population management 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>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. a rise in | a. to 5,630 |
| 2. Efforts to protect them have | b. endangered |
| 3. Black rhinos are still | c. the species |
| 4. at risk of | d. worked |
| 5. hopeful their numbers will | e. over six years |
| 6. This number rose | f. extinction |
| 7. an increase of 2.5% per year | g. the numbers |
| 8. a good sign for saving | h. keep growing |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. efforts have been made to save | a. works |
| 2. relocating them to areas with fewer | b. the black rhino |
| 3. a better male-to-female | c. management |
| 4. a testament to the immense | d. ratio |
| 5. a powerful reminder that conservation | e. measures |
| 6. poaching and illegal trade remain acute | f. poachers |
| 7. ongoing anti-poaching | g. threats |
| 8. proactive population | h. efforts made |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Conservationists are happy (1) _____ in the numbers of African black rhinos. The rhinos had (2) _____ a level of near extinction. Efforts to protect them have worked. Black rhinos are still endangered and (3) _____ of extinction. Conservationists are hopeful their numbers (4) _____. The International Union for Conservation of Nature reported that there were 4,845 black rhinos in Africa in 2012. This (5) _____ 5,630 in 2018. This is an increase of 2.5 per cent per year over six years. The Union said the increase is a (6) _____ saving the species.

Big (7) _____ made to save the black rhino. These include relocating them to areas with fewer poachers, (8) _____ male-to-female ratio to aid reproduction, and stronger laws to protect them. The Union said: "The continued (9) _____ a testament to the immense efforts made... (10) _____ reminder that conservation works." It added: "There is no room for complacency as poaching and illegal (11) _____ threats. It is essential that the ongoing anti-poaching (12) _____, proactive population management continue."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RHINOS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200326-black-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) _____

