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#### Numbers of black rhino on the rise

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Conservationists have cause auiet for celebration over rise in the numbers of African rhino. The numbers of the animals in the wild have risen by several hundred. The rhinos had poached to a level of

near extinction, but efforts to protect them have paid dividends. Black rhinos are still endangered and are at risk of extinction, but conservationists are hopeful their numbers will continue to grow. The International Union for Conservation of Nature reported that there were 4.845 black rhinos in Africa in 2012. This number rose to around 5,630 in 2018, an increase of 2.5 per cent per year over the six years. The Union said the numbers bode well for saving the species.

A lot of effort has been put into saving the black rhino. These include relocating the beasts into areas less frequented by poachers, ensuring a better male-to-female ratio to aid reproductive success, and stronger legislation to protect the species. The Union said: "The continued slow recovery is a testament to the immense efforts made in the countries and а powerful reminder 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, with support from national and international actors."

Sources: thequardian.com / independent.co.uk / metro.news

### Writing

Poachers should get huge fines and lengthy prison sentences. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

conservationist / celebration / rhino / extinction / endangered risk species / effort / beasts / poachers / reproductive / legislation / illegal trade / management

### True / False

- Conservationists are having a party for the African black rhino. T / F
- African black rhino numbers have increased by over 1,000. T / F
- African black rhinos are now no longer endangered. T/F
- African black rhino numbers rose by 2.5% for six years. T / F
- Conservationists have created a better mix of male and female rhinos. T / F
- Rhino numbers have gone up without the help of new laws. T/F
- Conservationists say no one should be complacent. T / F
- A conservationist group wants stage actors to help the rhinos. T / F

### Synonym Match

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

1. cause

a. at risk

poached

b. actions

dividends

visited C.

d.

e.

endangered

huge

hunted illegally

bode well

f. laws

frequented

legislation

reason q.

immense

severe

acute

i. benefits

10. measures

show promise

### Discussion - Student A

- How important is conservation? a)
- b) How good is this news?
- c) What do you know about rhinos?
- d) What more can we do to help protect rhinos?
- Why are animals and plants becoming e) extinct?
- f) Do you think the black rhino will survive?
- g) What other species should we help?
- h) What do you think of rhinos?

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- 1. Conservationists have quiet cause
- 2. rhinos had been poached to a level
- 3. efforts to protect them have paid
- 4. Black rhinos are still
- 5. the numbers bode well for
- 6. areas less frequented
- 7. better male-to-female ratio to aid
- 8. a powerful reminder that
- 9. There is no room
- 10. ongoing anti-

### **Discussion - Student B**

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) How effective is conservation?
- c) What do you think of poachers?
- d) What punishment should we give doctors?
- e) What laws are needed to protect endangered species?
- f) What can we do about the illegal trade in endangered animals?
- g) What would you say to poachers?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the conservationists?

### **Spelling**

- 1. quiet cause for baoreicnetl
- 2. The rhinos had been pdceoha
- 3. a level of near tonexciitn
- 4. ndedreaegn and at risk
- 5. <u>rnoisincatosvste</u> are hopeful
- 6. the numbers bode well for saving the iceesps
- 7. relocating the <u>sestba</u>
- 8. aid <u>edrrvetiuopc</u> success
- 9. stronger Itogniselia
- 10. a tasnmetet to the immense efforts
- 11. There is no room for ocnpcamelcy
- 12. intensive, pvociaret population management

#### **Answers - Synonym Match**

1. g	2. e	3. i	4. a	5. j
6. c	7. f	8. d	9. h	10. b

- a. by poachers
- b. poaching measures
- c. saving the species
- d. reproductive success
- e. conservation works
- f. for celebration
- g. for complacency
- h. dividends
- i. of near extinction
- j. endangered

### **Role Play**

#### Role A - CCTV

You think CCTV is the best way to protect endangered species. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): education, no logging or prison for poachers.

#### Role B - Education

You think education is the best way to protect a endangered species. Tell the others three reasons a why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, a tell the others which is the least effective of these a (and why): CCTV, no logging or prison for poachers.

#### Role C - No Logging

You think no logging is the best way to protect endangered species. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): education, CCTV or prison for poachers.

#### Role D - Prison for Poachers

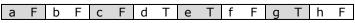
You think prison for poachers is the best way to protect endangered species. Tell the others three preasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their produced ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective professes (and why): education, CCTV or no logging.

### **Speaking - Conservation**

Rank these with your partner. Put the best conservation methods at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- CCTV
  - Education
- No logging
- Less pollution
- Reverse climate change
- Prison for fur traders
- Breeding programmes
- · Prison for poachers

#### **Answers - True False**



Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.