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Numbers of black rhino on the rise

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THE ARTICLE

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

Conservationists have quiet cause for celebration over a rise in the numbers of the African black rhino. The numbers of the animals in the wild have risen by several hundred. The rhinos had been 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 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, with support from national and international actors."

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/>

WARM-UPS

1. RHINOS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about rhinos. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

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

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SAVED: Students A **strongly** believe many species will be saved over the next decade; Students B **strongly** believe this is not true. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ENDANGERED: How can we better protect these species? Will this happen? Why (not)? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Species	Better Protection	Will This Happen?	Why (Not)?
Polar bear			
Panda			
Condor			
Bluefin tuna			
Butterflies			
Turtles			

5. CELEBRATION: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "celebration". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

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

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

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. celebration | a. Benefits from an action or policy. |
| 2. poached | b. The action of doing something fun for an important event or occasion. |
| 3. extinction | c. The action of a whole group of animals or plants dying out forever. |
| 4. dividends | d. Show signs of something good happening in the future. |
| 5. endangered | e. A group of living organisms consisting of similar individuals capable of exchanging genes or breeding. |
| 6. bode well | f. Illegally hunted or caught fish or animals that are officially protected. |
| 7. species | g. Of a species seriously at risk of extinction (dying out). |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. relocating | h. Related to having babies or young. |
| 9. beasts | i. Experienced to a severe or intense degree. |
| 10. proactive | j. Extremely large or great, especially in scale or degree. |
| 11. reproductive | k. Creating or controlling a situation by causing something to happen rather than responding to it after it has happened. |
| 12. testament | l. Something that serves as a sign or evidence of a specified fact, event, or quality. |
| 13. immense | m. Moving to another area. |
| 14. acute | n. Animals. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

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

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. cause | a. at risk |
| 2. poached | b. actions |
| 3. dividends | c. visited |
| 4. endangered | d. huge |
| 5. bode well | e. hunted illegally |
| 6. frequented | f. laws |
| 7. legislation | g. reason |
| 8. immense | h. severe |
| 9. acute | i. benefits |
| 10. measures | j. show promise |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Conservationists have quiet cause | a. by poachers |
| 2. rhinos had been poached to a level | b. poaching measures |
| 3. efforts to protect them have paid | c. saving the species |
| 4. Black rhinos are still | d. reproductive success |
| 5. the numbers bode well for | e. conservation works |
| 6. areas less frequented | f. for celebration |
| 7. better male-to-female ratio to aid | g. for complacency |
| 8. a powerful reminder that | h. dividends |
| 9. There is no room | i. of near extinction |
| 10. ongoing anti- | j. endangered |

GAP FILL

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

Conservationists have quiet (1) _____ for celebration over a rise in the numbers of the African black rhino. The numbers of the animals in the wild have risen by (2) _____ hundred. The rhinos had been poached to a level of near (3) _____, but efforts to protect them have paid dividends. Black rhinos are still endangered and are at (4) _____ of extinction, but conservationists are hopeful their numbers will (5) _____ to grow. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (6) _____ 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 (7) _____ well for saving the (8) _____.

extinction
continue
species
risk
bode
cause
several
reported

A lot of effort has been put into (9) _____ the black rhino. These include relocating the (10) _____ into areas less frequented by poachers, ensuring a better male-to-female ratio to aid (11) _____ success, and stronger legislation to protect the species. The Union said: "The continued slow (12) _____ is a testament to the immense efforts made in the countries and a (13) _____ reminder that conservation works." It added: "There is no room for complacency as (14) _____ and illegal trade remain acute threats. It is (15) _____ that the ongoing anti-poaching measures and intensive, proactive population management continue, with (16) _____ from national and international actors."

reproductive
powerful
support
saving
recovery
essential
beasts
poaching

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Conservationists have quiet _____ celebration
 - a. case for
 - b. clause for
 - c. claws for
 - d. cause for
- 2) The numbers of the animals in the wild have _____ hundred
 - a. risen by several
 - b. arisen by several
 - c. riser by several
 - d. rise by several
- 3) The rhinos had been poached to a level _____
 - a. of neared extinction
 - b. of nears extinction
 - c. of nearly extinction
 - d. of near extinction
- 4) Black rhinos are still endangered and are _____ extinction
 - a. at risked of
 - b. at risks of
 - c. at risk of
 - d. at risky of
- 5) The Union said the numbers _____
 - a. bode well
 - b. bade well
 - c. bide well
 - d. bade well
- 6) These include relocating the beasts into areas less _____
 - a. frequent it by poachers
 - b. frequently by poachers
 - c. frequented by poachers
 - d. frequents by poachers
- 7) The continued slow recovery is a testament to the _____
 - a. immerse efforts made
 - b. immense effects made
 - c. immense efforts made
 - d. immense efforts make
- 8) complacency as poaching and illegal trade _____
 - a. remain accurate threats
 - b. remain all cute threats
 - c. remain a cute threats
 - d. remain acute threats
- 9) ongoing anti-poaching measures and intensive, proactive _____
 - a. population manage meant
 - b. population man management
 - c. population manage mint
 - d. population management
- 10) with support from national and _____
 - a. international reactors
 - b. international actuates
 - c. international actors
 - d. international factors

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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A lot of effort has been (7) _____ the black rhino. These include relocating the beasts into (8) _____ by poachers, ensuring a better male-to-female ratio to aid reproductive success, and stronger legislation to (9) _____. The Union said: "The continued slow recovery is a testament to the immense efforts made in the countries and (10) _____ that conservation works." It added: "There is no room for complacency as (11) _____ trade remain acute threats. It is essential that the ongoing anti-poaching measures and intensive, proactive population management continue, with (12) _____ and international actors."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What did the article say conservationists have quiet cause for?
2. How many more hundreds of African black rhino are there now?
3. What have protection efforts paid?
4. When were there 4,845 African black rhinos in Africa?
5. What did a conservation union say bodes well for the rhino's survival?
6. Who are areas less frequented by in areas rhinos now live?
7. What ratio was made better?
8. What did the union say worked?
9. What did the union say there was no room for?
10. Who did the union say we needed support from?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What did the article say conservationists have quiet cause for?
 - a) whispering
 - b) a party
 - c) a safari
 - d) celebration
- 2) How many more hundreds of African black rhino are there now?
 - a) 800
 - b) several hundred
 - c) 700
 - d) 724
- 3) What have protection efforts paid?
 - a) workers
 - b) money
 - c) dividends
 - d) in kind
- 4) When were there 4,845 African black rhinos in Africa?
 - a) 2012
 - b) 2014
 - c) 2013
 - d) 2011
- 5) What did a conservation union say bodes well for the rhino's survival?
 - a) poachers
 - b) safari parks
 - c) numbers
 - d) no lions
- 6) Who are areas less frequented by in areas rhinos now live?
 - a) guides
 - b) poachers
 - c) tourists
 - d) trophy hunters
- 7) What ratio was made better?
 - a) the hunter-poacher ratio
 - b) the rhino-lion ratio
 - c) the bush-tree ratio
 - d) the male-to-female ratio
- 8) What did the union say worked?
 - a) conservation
 - b) actors
 - c) hunters
 - d) guides
- 9) What did the union say there was no room for?
 - a) more rhino
 - b) lions
 - c) complacency
 - d) safaris
- 10) Who did the union say we needed support from?
 - a) hunters
 - b) national and international actors
 - c) guides
 - d) safari parks

ROLE PLAY

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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 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): 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 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 no logging.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'black' and 'rhino'.

black	rhino

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• quiet• level• still• hopeful• grow• well	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• saving• aid• slow• room• essential• actors
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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.

RHINOS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'rhino'?
3. How important is conservation?
4. How good is this news?
5. What do you know about rhinos?
6. What more can we do to help protect rhinos?
7. Why are animals and plants becoming extinct?
8. Do you think the black rhino will survive?
9. What other species should we help?
10. What do you think of rhinos?

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RHINOS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'conservation'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How effective is conservation?
15. What do you think of poachers?
16. What punishment should we give doctors?
17. What laws are needed to protect endangered species?
18. What can we do about the illegal trade in endangered animals?
19. What would you say to poachers?
20. What questions would you like to ask the conservationists?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) quit | (b) quiet | (c) quilt | (d) quite |
| 2. | (a) tame | (b) wild | (c) outside | (d) zoo |
| 3. | (a) pitched | (b) perched | (c) parched | (d) poached |
| 4. | (a) in | (b) at | (c) on | (d) as |
| 5. | (a) growth | (b) grow | (c) grown | (d) growl |
| 6. | (a) bide | (b) bade | (c) bode | (d) bid |
| 7. | (a) effect | (b) affront | (c) effort | (d) affect |
| 8. | (a) smaller | (b) fewer | (c) less | (d) no |
| 9. | (a) in | (b) up | (c) on | (d) to |
| 10. | (a) powered | (b) powder | (c) powers | (d) powerful |
| 11. | (a) as | (b) is | (c) was | (d) has |
| 12. | (a) reactors | (b) realtors | (c) actors | (d) auctioneers |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. quiet cause for baoreicnetl
2. The rhinos had been pdceoha
3. a level of near tonexciitn
4. ndedreaegn and at risk
5. rnoisincatosvste are hopeful
6. the numbers bode well for saving the iceesps

Paragraph 2

7. relocating the sestba
8. aid edrrvetiuopc success
9. stronger ltogniselial
10. a tasnmetet to the immense efforts
11. There is no room for ocnpcamelcy
12. intensive, pvociaret population management

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () extinction, but efforts to protect them have paid dividends. Black rhinos are still endangered and are at
- () population management continue, with support from national and international actors."
- () of the animals in the wild have risen by several hundred. The rhinos had been poached to a level of near
- (**1**) Conservationists have quiet cause for celebration over a rise in the numbers of the African black rhino. The numbers
- () A lot of effort has been put into saving the black rhino. These include relocating the beasts into areas less
- () to the immense efforts made in the countries and a powerful reminder that conservation
- () remain acute threats. It is essential that the ongoing anti-poaching measures and intensive, proactive
- () frequented by poachers, ensuring a better male-to-female ratio to aid reproductive success, and stronger
- () grow. The International Union for Conservation of Nature reported that there were 4,845 black rhinos
- () risk of extinction, but conservationists are hopeful their numbers will continue to
- () the six years. The Union said the numbers bode well for saving the species.
- () works." It added: "There is no room for complacency as poaching and illegal trade
- () in Africa in 2012. This number rose to around 5,630 in 2018, an increase of 2.5 per cent per year over
- () legislation to protect the species. The Union said: "The continued slow recovery is a testament

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. animals wild risen . the Numbers have of in
2. dividends . protect to paid have Efforts them
3. are Conservationists numbers hopeful continue . will their
4. in to rose 5,630 number 2018 . around This
5. bode for the species . saving well The numbers
6. saving Effort has put rhino . been the into
7. frequented into areas rhinos Relocating less poachers . by
8. the made . A to testament immense efforts
9. acute threats . remain and illegal Poaching trade
10. ongoing is It that anti-poaching continue . essential measures

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Conservationists have quiet *clause* / *cause* for celebration over a rise in the numbers of the African black rhino. The *numbers* / *numerals* of the animals in the wild have *arisen* / *risen* by several hundred. The rhinos had been *poached* / *parched* to a level of near extinction, but efforts to *protract* / *protect* them have *paid* / *spent* dividends. Black rhinos are still endangered and are at risk of extinction, but conservationists are *hoped* / *hopeful* their numbers will continue to *growth* / *grow*. The International Union for Conservation of Nature reported that there were 4,845 black rhinos in Africa in 2012. This number rose *at* / *to* around 5,630 in 2018, an increase of 2.5 per cent per year over the six years. The Union said the numbers *abode* / *bode* well for saving the species.

A lot of effort has been put into *sieving* / *saving* the black rhino. These include relocating the *beasts* / *beats* into areas less frequented by poachers, ensuring a better male-to-female *ration* / *ratio* to aid reproductive success, and stronger legislation to protect the *species* / *poachers*. The Union said: "The continued slow recovery is a *testing* / *testament* to the immense efforts made in the countries and a powerful *remainder* / *reminder* that conservation works." It added: "There is no *room* / *hall* for complacency as poaching and illegal trade remain *acute* / *cute* threats. It is essential that the ongoing anti-poaching *treasures* / *measures* and intensive, proactive population management continue, with support from national and international *singers* / *actors*."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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C_n s_r v_t__ n_s t_s h_v_ q__t c__ s_ f_r c_l_b
r_t__ n _v_r _ r_s_ n th_ n_m b_r s _f th_ Af
r_c_n b_l_c k r_h_n_. Th_ n_m b_r s _f th_ n_m_l s
th_ w_l_d h_v_ r_s_n b_y s_v_r_l h_n_d r_d. Th_
r_h_n_s h_d b__ n p__ ch_d t__ l_v_l _f n__ r _x
t_n c_t__ n, b_t _f f_r t_s t_ p_r_t_c t th_m h_v_
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b_d_ w_l_l f_r s_v_n g th_ s_p_c__ s.

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b_l_c k r_h_n_. Th_s_ _n_c_l_d_ r_l_c_t_n g th_ b__ s
t_s _n_t_ r__ s l_s_s f_r_q__ n_t_d b_y p__ ch_r_s,
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. RHINOS: Make a poster about rhinos. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CONSERVATION: Write a magazine article about governments spending double the amount of money on conservation efforts. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on rhinos. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to better protect rhinos. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. f 3. c 4. a 5. g 6. d 7. e
8. m 9. n 10. k 11. h 12. l 13. j 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c F d T e T f F g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Celebration
- Several hundred
- Dividends
- 2012
- Numbers
- Poachers
- The male-to-female ratio
- Conservation
- Complacency
- National and international actors

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Numbers of animals in the wild have risen.
- Efforts to protect them have paid dividends.
- Conservationists are hopeful their numbers will continue.
- This number rose to around 5,630 in 2018.
- The numbers bode well for saving the species.
- Effort has been put into saving the rhino.
- Relocating rhinos into areas less frequented by poachers.
- A testament to the immense efforts made.
- Poaching and illegal trade remain acute threats.
- It is essential that ongoing anti-poaching measures continue.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)