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2,000 near-threatened white rhinos to be auctioned

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THE ARTICLE

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Mr Hume's ranch is home to more than 10 per cent of the world's total rhino population. Hume has spent \$150 million of his personal fortune on increasing rhino numbers, but can no longer afford to maintain the creatures. His expenses include vets' bills, security guards to keep poachers at bay and a helicopter for air patrols. He told reporters: "I've used all my life savings spending on that population of rhinos for 30 years and I finally ran out of money. I'm hoping that there is a billionaire that would rather save the population of rhinos from extinction than own a super-yacht." Hume lamented that: "Rhinos are underdogs. They stand the least chance of surviving poaching."

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/apr/28/white-rhinos-for-sale-one-careful-owner-tycoon-looks-for-a-billionaire-to-buy-his-conservation-ranch>
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<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/rhino-farm-auction-john-hume-seeks-billionaire-to-carry-on-conservation-work/>

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?

auction / priceless art / fine wines / celebrity / memorabilia / rhinos / conservationist / ranch / personal fortune / vets / bills / poachers / life savings / millionaire / underdogs

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

3. SUPER-YACHTS: Students A **strongly** believe it is better to buy a super-yacht at an auction than to buy rhinos; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. AUCTION: Why might people bid for these things at auction? How much would you pay? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Why People Bid for This	How Much You'd Pay
A white rhino		
A Picasso painting		
Antique watches		
A castle		
Einstein's notebooks		
A car license plate		

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

6. THREATENED SPECIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the ones that need the most help at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- The white rhinos
- The gray bat
- The ball python
- The Corfu cave cricket
- The shy albatross
- The copper shark
- The Asian leaf turtle
- The Guinea baboon

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. auction | a. Spend a lot of money freely. |
| 2. conjure up | b. So precious or valuable that a value cannot be put on it. |
| 3. priceless | c. Make an image appear in the mind. |
| 4. memorabilia | d. Animals that are bred and kept for their meat or milk, or for conservation. |
| 5. splash out | e. A public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder. |
| 6. breeding | f. Objects kept or collected because of their associations with famous people or events. |
| 7. stock | g. The mating and production of offspring by animals. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. ranch | h. A large amount of money or assets. |
| 9. fortune | i. Prevent someone or something from approaching or having an effect. |
| 10. vet | j. A competitor thought to have little chance of winning a fight or contest. |
| 11. poacher | k. An animal doctor. |
| 12. keep at bay | l. The process of a particular thing ceasing to exist. |
| 13. extinction | m. A person who hunts or catches game or fish illegally. |
| 14. underdog | n. A large farm, especially in North America or Australia, where cattle or other animals are bred. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2304/230430-rhino-auction.html>

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

1. The article says we think of cars when we hear the word "auction". **T / F**
2. The article says the rhinos will cost \$10 million. **T / F**
3. A South African billionaire is selling 1,993 white rhinos. **T / F**
4. The rhino seller started with 200 rhinos and bred them for three decades. **T / F**
5. The rhino seller owns over 10% of the world's rhino population. **T / F**
6. The article says the owner only has \$150 million in the bank. **T / F**
7. The owner needs a millionaire with a super-yacht to buy the rhinos. **T / F**
8. The owner called rhinos underdogs. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. conjures up | a. splurge |
| 2. species | b. rued |
| 3. splash out | c. dignified |
| 4. majestic | d. likelihood |
| 5. increase | e. entire |
| 6. total | f. brings to mind |
| 7. expenses | g. enlarge |
| 8. at bay | h. away |
| 9. lamented | i. breed |
| 10. chance | j. outgoings |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. conjures up | a. are underdogs |
| 2. celebrity | b. project |
| 3. those rich enough to | c. of surviving poaching |
| 4. He started a rhino breeding | d. memorabilia |
| 5. increase his stock of the animals | e. savings |
| 6. security guards to keep poachers | f. from extinction |
| 7. I've used all my life | g. images of priceless art |
| 8. save the population of rhinos | h. at bay |
| 9. Hume lamented that rhinos | i. splash out |
| 10. They stand the least chance | j. ten-fold |

GAP FILL

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The word "auction" usually (1) _____ up images of priceless art, fine wines or celebrity (2) _____. It rarely makes us think of a near-threatened (3) _____ of rhinoceros. However, those rich enough to (4) _____ out in excess of \$10 million can bid for 1,993 white rhinos on May the 1st, which is International Save the Rhino Day. The majestic (5) _____ are being sold by multi-millionaire conservationist John Hume, a South African entrepreneur. He started a rhino (6) _____ project with about 200 animals 30 years ago. He managed to increase his (7) _____ of the animals ten-fold. Mr Hume is also selling the 8,500-hectare (8) _____ 100 miles south-east of Johannesburg where the rhinos live.

species
beasts
conjures
stock
splash
memorabilia
ranch
breeding

Mr Hume's ranch is (9) _____ to more than 10 per cent of the world's total rhino population. Hume has spent \$150 million of his personal (10) _____ on increasing rhino numbers, but can no longer (11) _____ to maintain the creatures. His expenses include vets' bills, security guards to keep poachers at (12) _____ and a helicopter for air patrols. He told reporters: "I've used all my life (13) _____ spending on that population of rhinos for 30 years and I finally ran out of money. I'm hoping that there is a billionaire that would rather save the population of rhinos from (14) _____ than own a super-yacht." Hume lamented that: "Rhinos are (15) _____. They stand the least chance of surviving (16) _____."

extinction
fortune
poaching
bay
underdogs
home
savings
afford

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The word "auction" usually conjures up images _____
 - a. of priceless art
 - b. of priced less art
 - c. off priceless art
 - d. off price less art
- 2) It rarely makes us think of a near-threatened _____
 - a. speeches of rhinoceros
 - b. specials of rhinoceros
 - c. species off rhinoceros
 - d. species of rhinoceros
- 3) However, those rich enough to splash out in _____
 - a. access of \$10 million
 - b. excerpts of \$10 million
 - c. assess of \$10 million
 - d. excess of \$10 million
- 4) The majestic beasts are being sold by multi-millionaire _____
 - a. conservation mist John Hume
 - b. conservation missed John Hume
 - c. conservationist John Hume
 - d. conversationist John Hume
- 5) He managed to increase his stock of the _____
 - a. animals ten-field
 - b. animals ten-foaled
 - c. animals ten-fold
 - d. animals ten-folds
- 6) Hume has spent \$150 million of his personal fortune on _____
 - a. increasing rhino number
 - b. increasing rhino numbers
 - c. increase in rhino numbers
 - d. increase sin rhino numbers
- 7) but can no longer afford to _____
 - a. maintain the creatures
 - b. maintain a creatures
 - c. maintain a creature
 - d. main chain the creatures
- 8) security guards to keep poachers at bay and a helicopter _____
 - a. foray patrols
 - b. four air patrols
 - c. fairer patrols
 - d. for air patrols
- 9) a millionaire that would rather save the population of _____
 - a. rhinos from extinction
 - b. rhinos for extinction
 - c. rhino from extinction
 - d. rhinos from extinct shun
- 10) Hume lamented that: " _____ "
 - a. Rhinos are underdogs
 - b. Rhinos are under dogs
 - c. Rhinos are adder dogs
 - d. Rhinos are under dog

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. What does the word "auction" make us think about besides art and wine?
2. How many white rhinos will be auctioned?
3. When is International Save the Rhino Day?
4. When did the seller start breeding rhinos?
5. Where do the rhinos currently live?
6. What proportion of the world's rhinos does the seller own?
7. What outgoings does the seller have besides paying for vets and guards?
8. What has the seller used all of on looking after the rhinos?
9. Who does the seller hope will save the rhinos?
10. What did the seller call rhinos?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2304/230430-rhino-auction.html>

- 1) What does the word "auction" make us think about besides art and wine?
 - a) houses
 - b) cars
 - c) endangered species
 - d) celebrity memorabilia
- 2) How many white rhinos will be auctioned?
 - a) 1,393
 - b) 1,993
 - c) 1,933
 - d) 1,999
- 3) When is International Save the Rhino Day?
 - a) May 3
 - b) May 2
 - c) May 1
 - d) May 4
- 4) When did the seller start breeding rhinos?
 - a) 30 years ago
 - b) 40 years ago
 - c) 20 years ago
 - d) 50 years ago
- 5) Where do the rhinos live?
 - a) 100 miles south-west of Johannesburg
 - b) 100 miles north-east of Johannesburg
 - c) 100 miles south-east of Johannesburg
 - d) 100 miles north-west of Johannesburg
- 6) What proportion of the world's rhinos does the seller own?
 - a) exactly 10%
 - b) more than 10%
 - c) just less than 10%
 - d) around 10%
- 7) What outgoings does the seller have besides paying for vets and guards?
 - a) food
 - b) electric fencing
 - c) marketing
 - d) helicopter patrols
- 8) What has the seller used all of on looking after the rhinos?
 - a) his life savings
 - b) his patience
 - c) his stock of rhino food
 - d) his ideas
- 9) Who does the seller hope will save the rhinos?
 - a) the WWF
 - b) the world's zoos
 - c) a billionaire
 - d) South Africa's government
- 10) What did the seller call rhinos?
 - a) Bob and June
 - b) underdogs
 - c) top cats
 - d) fat cats

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – The White Rhino

You think the white rhino is most in need of protection. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't as deserving. Also, tell the others which is the least deserving of these (and why): the grey bat, the shy albatross or the copper shark.

Role B – The Grey Bat

You think the grey bat is most in need of protection. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't as deserving. Also, tell the others which is the least deserving of these (and why): the white rhino, the shy albatross or the copper shark.

Role C – The Shy Albatross

You think the shy albatross is most in need of protection. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't as deserving. Also, tell the others which is the least deserving of these (and why): the grey bat, the white rhino or the copper shark.

Role D – The Copper Shark

You think the copper shark is most in need of protection. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't as deserving. Also, tell the others which is the least deserving of these (and why): the grey bat, the shy albatross or the white rhino.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

auction	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">• images• rarely• splash• beasts• 200• ten	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• home• personal• afford• life• ran• stand
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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 'auction'?
3. What do you think of auctions?
4. What would you like to buy at an auction?
5. What do you think of white rhinos?
6. What do you think of the white rhino auction?
7. How can we help to protect the white rhino?
8. What do you think of the success of Mr Hume's project?
9. Should governments set up rhino breeding projects?
10. What advice do you have for Mr Hume?

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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 'rhino'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How would you feel if rhinos went extinct?
15. What should we do to stop poachers?
16. What punishment should poachers get?
17. Should there be a condition that all the rhinos be kept together?
18. Would you buy the rhinos or a super-yacht?
19. Why might rhinos be underdogs?
20. What questions would you like to ask Mr Hume?

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) projects | (b) conjures | (c) magics | (d) appears |
| 2. | (a) rare | (b) rarely | (c) rarify | (d) rarified |
| 3. | (a) over | (b) across | (c) up | (d) out |
| 4. | (a) majesty | (b) majestic | (c) majority | (d) majorly |
| 5. | (a) bleeding | (b) breeding | (c) brooding | (d) blooding |
| 6. | (a) stick | (b) stack | (c) stock | (d) stuck |
| 7. | (a) homed | (b) homer | (c) home | (d) homie |
| 8. | (a) figures | (b) stats | (c) numbers | (d) statistics |
| 9. | (a) day | (b) way | (c) may | (d) bay |
| 10. | (a) life | (b) live | (c) living | (d) livelihood |
| 11. | (a) rather | (b) prefer | (c) opt | (d) choose |
| 12. | (a) puppy love | (b) dog-eared | (c) underdogs | (d) dog-eat-dog |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. snurjeo up images of priceless art
2. fine wines or celebrity mleaabriom
3. splash out in xscsee of \$10 million
4. The jiesacmt beasts are being sold
5. a South African ernurpreeetn
6. selling the 8,500-eaectrh ranch

Paragraph 2

7. \$150 million of his personal rnoetfu
8. maintain the cerrtaseu
9. His xpseeesn include vets' bills
10. save the population of rhinos from onicitxetn
11. Rhinos are nesgruddo
12. stand the least chance of surviving cogahpni

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2304/230430-rhino-auction.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Mr Hume's ranch is home to more than 10 per cent of the world's total rhino
- () enough to splash out in excess of \$10 million can bid for 1,993 white rhinos on May the 1st, which is
- () International Save the Rhino Day. The majestic beasts are being sold by multi-millionaire
- () project with about 200 animals 30 years ago. He managed to increase his stock of the animals ten-
- () population. Hume has spent \$150 million of his personal fortune on increasing rhino numbers, but can no longer
- () afford to maintain the creatures. His expenses include vets' bills, security guards to keep poachers at
- () for 30 years and I finally ran out of money. I'm hoping that there is a billionaire that would
- (**1**) The word "auction" usually conjures up images of priceless art, fine wines or celebrity
- () yacht." Hume lamented that: "Rhinos are underdogs. They stand the least chance of surviving poaching."
- () conservationist John Hume, a South African entrepreneur. He started a rhino breeding
- () rather save the population of rhinos from extinction than own a super-
- () bay and a helicopter for air patrols. He told reporters: "I've used all my life savings spending on that population of rhinos
- () fold. Mr Hume is also selling the 8,500-hectare ranch 100 miles south-east of Johannesburg where the rhinos live.
- () memorabilia. It rarely makes us think of a near-threatened species of rhinoceros. However, those rich

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. of up art . The word conjures auction images
2. of rhinoceros . near-threatened think a species of We
3. out to Rich million . more splash enough \$10 million than
4. of animals He stock the ten-fold . increased his
5. is the Hume ranch . also 8,500-hectare Mr selling
6. has personal \$150 million fortune . his spent He of
7. savings on that . my spending used life I've
8. He the from of rhinos extinction . population saved
9. Hume that are the underdogs . lamented rhinos
10. stand surviving of They the poaching . least chance

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The word "auction" usually conjures *down / up* images of priceless art, fine wines or celebrity memorabilia. It rarely makes us think of a near-threatened species *as / of* rhinoceros. However, those rich enough to splash out in *access / excess* of \$10 million can *bid / lid* for 1,993 white rhinos on May the 1st, *which / that* is International Save the Rhino Day. The majestic beasts are being *selling / sold* by multi-millionaire *conservationist / conversationalist* John Hume, a South African entrepreneur. He started a rhino *breeding / bleeding* project with about 200 animals 30 years ago. He managed to increase his *stack / stock* of the animals ten-fold. Mr Hume is also selling the 8,500-hectare *ranch / raunch* 100 miles south-east of Johannesburg where the rhinos live.

Mr Hume's ranch is *house / home* to more than 10 per cent of the world's total rhino population. Hume has spent \$150 million of his personal *fortunate / fortune* on increasing rhino numbers, but can no *lengthen / longer* afford to maintain the creatures. His expenses include *veterans' / vets'* bills, security guards to keep poachers *at / in* bay and a helicopter for air patrols. He told reporters: "I've used all my *live / life* savings spending on that population of rhinos for 30 years and I finally *ran / running* out of money. I'm hoping that there is a billionaire that would *prefer / rather* save the population of rhinos from *extinction / exhaustion* than own a super-yacht." Hume lamented that: "Rhinos are underdogs. They stand the *last / least* chance of surviving poaching."

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

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

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Th_ w_r_d " __ct__n" _s__lly c_nj_r_s _p _m_g_s _f
pr_c_l_ss _rt, f_n_ w_n_s _r c_l_br_ty m_m_r_b_l__ . _t
r_r_ly m_k_s _s th_nk _f _ n__r-thr__t_n_d sp_c__s _f
rh_n_c_r_s. H_w_v_r, th_s_ r_ch _n__gh t_ spl_sh __t
_n _xc_ss _f \$10 m_ll__n c_n b_d f_r 1,993 wh_t_
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th_ Rh_n_ D_y. Th_ m_j_st_c b__sts _r_ b__ng s_ld
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2304/230430-rhino-auction.html>

the word auction usually conjures up images of priceless art fine wines or celebrity memorabilia it rarely makes us think of a nearthreatened species of rhinoceros however those rich enough to splash out in excess of 10 million can bid for 1993 white rhinos on may the 1st which is international save the rhino day the majestic beasts are being sold by multimillionaire conservationist john hume a south african entrepreneur he started a rhino breeding project with about 200 animals 30 years ago he managed to increase his stock of the animals tenfold mr hume is also selling the 8500hectare ranch 100 miles southeast of johannesburg where the rhinos live

mr humes ranch is home to more than 10 per cent of the worlds total rhino population hume has spent 150 million of his personal fortune on increasing rhino numbers but can no longer afford to maintain the creatures his expenses include vets bills security guards to keep poachers at bay and a helicopter for air patrols he told reporters ive used all my life savings spending on that population of rhinos for 30 years and i finally ran out of money im hoping that there is a billionaire that would rather save the population of rhinos from extinction than own a superyacht hume lamented that rhinos are underdogs they stand the least chance of surviving poaching

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The word "auction" usually conjures up images of priceless art, fine wines or celebrity memorabilia. It rarely makes us think of a near-threatened species of rhinoceros. However, those rich enough to splash out in excess of \$10 million can bid for 1,993 white rhinos on May the 1st, which is International Save the Rhino Day. The majestic beasts are being sold by multi-millionaire conservationist John Hume, a South African entrepreneur. He started a rhino breeding project with about 200 animals 30 years ago. He managed to increase his stock of the animal ten-fold. Mr Hume is also selling the 8,500-hectare ranch 100 miles south-east of Johannesburg where the rhinos live. Mr Hume's ranch is home to more than 10 percent of the world's total rhino population. Hume has spent \$150 million of his personal fortune on increasing rhino numbers, but can no longer afford to maintain the creatures. His expenses include vets' bills, security guards to keep poachers at bay and a helicopter for air patrols. He told reporters: "I've used all my life savings spending on that population of rhinos for 30 years and I finally ran out of money. I'm hoping that there is a billionaire that would rather save the population of rhinos from extinction than own a super-yacht." Hume lamented that: "Rhinos are underdogs. They stand the least chance of surviving poaching."

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. POACHING: Write a magazine article about having sentences of life in prison for poaching. 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 save them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Celebrity memorabilia
2. 1,993
3. May 1
4. 30 years ago
5. 100 miles south-east of Johannesburg
6. More than 10%
7. Helicopter patrols
8. His life savings
9. A millionaire
10. Underdogs

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. The word auction conjures up images of art.
2. We think of a near-threatened species of rhinoceros.
3. Rich enough to splash out more than \$10 million.
4. He increased his stock of the animals ten-fold.
5. Mr Hume is also selling the 8,500-hectare ranch.
6. He has spent \$150 million of his personal fortune.
7. I've used my life savings spending on that.
8. He saved the population of rhinos from extinction.
9. Hume lamented that the rhinos are underdogs.
10. They stand the least chance of surviving poaching.

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 ;-)