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Level 6

World's last male northern white rhino dies 23rd March, 2018

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THE ARTICLE

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Conservationists and animal lovers are in mourning today for the loss of Sudan the rhinoceros. Sudan was the world's last male northern white rhino. The 45-year-old animal was put down by his carers at a zoo in Kenya after "age-related complications". He had been in very poor health recently due to his old age. Zoo officials say his condition had "worsened significantly" and that he no longer had the strength to stand. His muscles had severely deteriorated throughout his body and his skin had "extensive wounds". The zoo's director said: "Sudan's death was a cruel symbol of human disregard for nature and it saddened everyone who knew him....He stole the heart of many with his dignity and strength."

Like many of Earth's majestic beasts, hunters have hunted the northern white rhino to near-extinction. There were more than 2,000 northern white rhino in the wild in the 1960s but their numbers continually dwindled because of the value of their horns. The only remaining northern white rhinos today are two females - Sudan's daughter and granddaughter. Both animals live in captivity so they will be protected. There are hopes that the two females can produce young to keep the species going. In vitro fertilization techniques using stored semen from other dead rhinos could be used to impregnate Sudan's offspring. The zoo is hoping to raise \$9 million to fund the conservation project.

Sources: https://www.popsci.com/northern-white-rhino-species-conservation

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conservancy/

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 / animal lover / rhinoceros / complications / strength / skin / nature / hunters / extinction / horns / captivity / species / techniques / offspring / project

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

- **3. CONSERVATION:** Students A **strongly** believe governments should spend more on conservation than weapons and defence; Students B **strongly** believe more should be spent on defence. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.
- **4. EXTINCT:** Why are these animals in danger? How can we save them from extinction? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Why they are in danger	How we can save them
Rhinos		
Polar bears		
Pandas		
Blue whale		
Gorilla		
Green turtle		

- **5. ANIMAL:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "animal". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.
- **6. FUNDRAISING:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways to raise funds for the conservation project at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.
 - charity boxes at zoos
 - Internet donations
 - newspaper ads
 - ask a rich person

- social media campaign
- sponsored walks
- lifetime zoo passes
- put zoos in your will

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- mourning a. End the life of an animal humanely; euthanize.
- put down
 A person's or animal's state of health or physical fitness.
- 3. complications c. A sense of pride in oneself; self-respect.
- 4. condition d. Difficulties.
- 5. deteriorated e. Pay no attention to; ignore.
- 6. disregard f. The expression of deep sorrow for someone who has died.
- 7. dignity g. Become worse and worse.

Paragraph 2

- 8. majestic h. Animals as opposed to humans.
- 9. beasts i. The state or process of a species, family, or larger group no longer having any living members on Earth.
- 10. extinction j. Children or young.
- 11. dwindled k. The condition of being imprisoned or confined.
- 12. captivity I. Gradually got smaller in size, amount, or strength.
- 13. impregnate m. Having or showing impressive beauty.
- 14. offspring n. Make a woman or a female animal pregnant.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180323-white-rhino.html

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

- a. The article said conservation lovers are in mourning. T / F
- b. Sudan the rhino was 45 at the time of his death. **T/F**
- c. Sudan had not been strong enough to stand up. T / F
- d. Sudan the rhino used to steal people's hats. T / F
- e. There were more than 2,000 northern white rhino 50 years ago. T / F
- f. There are only 22 northern white rhino in the world today. **T/F**
- g. Conservationists hope Sudan's granddaughter will produce young. **T/F**
- h. A zoo needs \$9 to help save the northern white rhino. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- 1. in mourning
- 2. put down
- 3. complications
- 4. deteriorated
- 5. dignity
- 6. beasts
- 7. extinction
- 8. protected
- 9. fertilization
- 10. fund

- a. pride
- b. worsened
- c. finance
- d. animals
- e. put to sleep
- f. safe
- g. difficulties
- h. insemination
- i. grieving
- j. eradication

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

- 1. Conservationists and animal lovers are in
- 2. age-related
- 3. His muscles had severely
- 4. a cruel symbol of human disregard
- 5. He stole the heart of many
- 6. hunted the northern white rhino to
- 7. more than 2,000 northern white rhino in the
- 8. numbers continually dwindled because of the
- 9. in vitro
- 10. The zoo is hoping to raise

- a. deteriorated
- b. with his dignity
- c. fertilization techniques
- d. near-extinction
- e. value of their horns
- f. mourning today
- g. \$9 million
- h. wild in the 1960s
- i. for nature
- j. complications

GAP FILL

Conservationists and animal lovers are in (1) today	related
for the loss of Sudan the rhinoceros. Sudan was the world's last	wounds
male northern white rhino. The 45-year-old animal was	due
(2) down by his carers at a zoo in Kenya after "age-	
(3) complications". He had been in very poor health	stole
recently (4) to his old age. Zoo officials say his	mourning
condition had "worsened significantly" and that he no longer had	put
the strength to stand. His muscles had (5)	disregard
deteriorated throughout his body and his skin had "extensive	severely
(6) ". The zoo's director said: "Sudan's death was a	Severely
cruel symbol of human (7) for nature and it	
saddened everyone who knew himHe (8) the	
heart of many with his dignity and strength."	
Like many of Earth's (9) beasts, hunters have	remaining
hunted the northern white rhino to near-(10) There	extinction
were more than 2,000 northern white rhino in the wild in the	stored
1960s but their numbers continually (11) because	
of the value of their horns. The only (12) northern	captivity
white rhinos today are two females - Sudan's daughter and	impregnate
granddaughter. Both animals live in (13) so they	dwindled
will be protected. There are hopes that the two females can	majestic
produce young to keep the (14) going. In vitro	species
fertilization techniques using (15) semen from other	species
dead rhinos could be used to (16) Sudan's	
offspring. The zoo is hoping to raise \$9 million to fund the	
conservation project.	

LISTENING — Guess the answers. Listen to check.

1)	Conservationists and animal lovers are in mourning today for Sudan a. the loss of b. the lost of c. the lose of
2)	 d. the losses of The 45-year-old animal was put carers a. drown by his b. dawn by his c. drawn by his d. down by his
3)	He had been in very poor health recently old age a. due to his b. dew to his c. drew to his d. dues to his
4)	His muscles had severely deteriorated throughout his body and his skina. had extensively wounds b. had extensive wounds c. had expensive wounds d. had expensively wounds
5)	Sudan's death was a cruel symbol of human a. disregard for nature b. this regard for nature c. this regarded for nature d. disregarded for nature
6)	He stole the heart of many with his a. dignify and strength b. dignify and strengthen c. dignify and strengthened d. dignity and strength
7)	hunters have hunted the northern white rhino a. to nearly-extinction b. to nears-extinction c. to near-extinction d. to neared-extinction
8)	2,000 northern white rhino in the wild in the 1960s but their numbers a. continually kindled b. continually rekindled c. continually kindling d. continually dwindled
9)	Both animals live in captivity so they a. will be protective b. will be protection c. will be protected d. will be protect it
10) using stored semen from other dead rhinos could be used to
	a. impersonate Sudan's offspringb. impregnable Sudan's offspringc. in per grate Sudan's offspringd. impregnate Sudan's offspring

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

Conservationists and animal lovers (1)	today for the
loss of Sudan the rhinoceros. Sudan was th	e world's last male northern
white rhino. The 45-year-old animal was (2) his
carers at a zoo in Kenya after "age-related co	omplications". He had been in
very poor health (3) his	s old age. Zoo officials say his
condition had "worsened significantly" and	that he no longer had the
strength to stand. His (4)	deteriorated throughout his
body and his skin had "extensive wounds". The	e zoo's director said: "Sudan's
death was a (5) huma	n disregard for nature and it
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(6)"	
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white rhino to near-extinction. There were mo	ore than 2,000 northern white
rhino $_{(8)}$ in the 1960s	but their numbers continually
dwindled because of the value (9)	The only
remaining northern white rhinos today are two	o females - Sudan's daughter
and granddaughter. Both animals (10)	so they will be
protected. There are hopes that the two female	es can produce young to keep
the species going. (11)	techniques using stored
semen from other dead rhinos could be u	used to impregnate Sudan's
offspring. The zoo is (12)	\$9 million to fund the

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1.	Who else is mourning, besides conservationists?
2.	How old was Sudan the rhino?
3.	What did Sudan no longer have the strength to do?
4.	What part of his body was extensively wounded?
5.	What did Sudan steal from many people?
6.	How many northern white rhinos were there in the 1960s?
7.	How many northern white rhinos are there in the world today?
8.	Where do the existing northern white rhinos live?
9.	What fertility technique might help to keep the species going?
10.	How much money does a zoo need for a conservation project?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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- 1) Who else is mourning, besides conservationists?
- a) zookeepers
- b) animal lovers
- c) the World Rhino Club
- d) vets
- 2) How old was Sudan the rhino?
- a) 43
- b) 44
- c) 45
- d) 46
- 3) What did Sudan no longer have the strength to do?
- a) walk
- b) open his eyes
- c) eat
- d) stand
- 4) What part of his body was extensively wounded?
- a) his legs
- b) his skin
- c) his horn
- d) his back
- 5) What did Sudan steal from many people?
- a) their heart
- b) their food
- c) their smartphones
- d) their hats

- 6) How many northern white rhinos were there in the 1960s?
- a) over 2,000
- b) around 2,000
- c) just fewer than 2,000
- d) exactly 2,000
- 7) How many northern white rhinos are there in the world today?
- a) 200
- b) 22
- c) 20
- d) 2
- 8) Where do the existing northern white rhinos live?
- a) in a wildlife park in the UK
- b) in a circus
- c) in captivity
- d) in Africa
- 9) What fertility technique might help to keep the species going?
- a) artificial insemination
- b) ovulation induction
- c) intra cytoplasmic sperm injection
- d) in vitro fertilization
- 10) How much money does a zoo need for a conservation project?
- a) \$6 million
- b) \$9 million
- c) \$7 million
- d) \$8 million

ROLE PLAY

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Role A - Rhinos

You think rhinos are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): hippos, elephants or crocodiles.

Role B - Hippos

You think hippos are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rhinos, elephants or crocodiles.

Role C - Elephants

You think elephants are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): hippos, rhinos or crocodiles.

Role D - Crocodiles

You think crocodiles are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): hippos, elephants or rhinos.

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 'white' and 'rhino'.

white	rhino

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

• lovers	• like
• last	• wild
• poor	• value
• stand	 protected
• cruel	 techniques
• heart	• fund

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 'white'?
- 3. How sad is this news?
- 4. How much of a conservationist are you?
- 5. What do you know about rhinos?
- 6. What can we do to protect endangered animals?
- 7. Why do many humans have a disregard for nature?
- 8. What is the rhino a symbol of?
- 9. Why can't zoos breed more rhinos?
- 10. What advice do you have for conservationists?

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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. Why do so many people not think about conservation?
- 15. What do you think of zoos?
- 16. Why are rhino horns so sought after?
- 17. Would you give money to help the project?
- 18. Should governments spend more on conservation than weapons?
- 19. What do you think the future of rhinos will be?
- 20. What questions would you like to ask the zoo officials?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

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LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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3.	(a)	from	(b)	account	(c)	because	(d)	due
4.	(a)	worsen	(b)	worsened	(c)	worsens	(d)	worsening
5.	(a)	severe	(b)	severely	(c)		(d)	severity
6.	(a)	burgled	(b)	thieved	(c)	stole	(d)	embezzled
7.	(a)	boasts	(b)	bastes	(c)	beasts	(d)	bests
8.	(a)	on	(b)	up	(c)	in	(d)	to
9.	(a)	remnants	(b)	remainder	(c)	remnant	(d)	remaining
10.	(a)	captivate	(b)	captive	(c)	captivation	(d)	captivity
11.	(a)	In	(b)	On	(c)	At	(d)	То
12.	(a)	rise	(b)	arise	(c)	raise	(d)	risen

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

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- 2. His muscles had yeseervl deteriorated
- 3. his skin had extensive noduws
- 4. Sudan's death was a cruel ysobml
- 5. gdrdesair for nature
- 6. his igdnity and strength

Paragraph 2

- 7. many of Earth's <u>sctjmeia</u> beasts
- 8. near-eixontctin
- 9. their numbers continually <u>eiwdndld</u>
- 10. Both animals live in civiattyp
- 11. In vitro <u>lznttefiiraoi</u> techniques
- 12. \$9 million to fund the vcainsonerto project

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

()	going. In vitro fertilization techniques using stored semen from other dead rhinos could be used to
()	continually dwindled because of the value of their horns. The only remaining northern white rhinos today
()	Like many of Earth's majestic beasts, hunters have hunted the northern white rhino to near-
()	strength to stand. His muscles had severely deteriorated throughout his body and his skin had "extensive
()	the world's last male northern white rhino. The 45-year-old animal was put down by his carers at a
()	wounds". The zoo's director said: "Sudan's death was a cruel symbol of human disregard for nature and it saddened
()	protected. There are hopes that the two females can produce young to keep the species
()	zoo in Kenya after "age-related complications". He had been in very poor health recently due to his old
()	extinction. There were more than 2,000 northern white rhino in the wild in the 1960s but their numbers
()	age. Zoo officials say his condition had "worsened significantly" and that he no longer had the
()	are two females - Sudan's daughter and granddaughter. Both animals live in captivity so they will be
()	everyone who knew himHe stole the heart of many with his dignity and strength."
()	impregnate Sudan's offspring. The zoo is hoping to raise \$9 million to fund the conservation project.
(1)	Conservationists and animal lovers are in mourning today for the

loss of Sudan the rhinoceros. Sudan was

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180323-white-rhino.html

- 1. are animal and today . lovers in mourning Conservationists
- 2. been had in poor health He very recently .
- 3. no to strength longer had He stand . the
- 4. of symbol A human disregard cruel for nature .
- 5. with hearts our He stole dignity . his
- 6. to northern white rhino Hunted the near-extinction .
- 7. continually the dwindled of value . because Numbers
- 8. they live animals in are protected . so captivity Both
- 9. In techniques vitro fertilization semen . stored using
- 10. fund \$9 million Raise conservation project . the to

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180323-white-rhino.html

Conservationists and animal *loves / lovers* are in mourning today for the *loss / lost* of Sudan the rhinoceros. Sudan was the world's last male northern white rhino. The 45-year-old animal was put *up / down* by his carers at a zoo in Kenya after "age-related complications". He had been in very poor *health / healthy* recently due *to / for* his old age. Zoo officials say his condition had "worsened *significant / significantly*" and that he no longer had the strength to *stand / stood*. His muscles had severely deteriorated throughout his body and his skin had "extensive wounds". The zoo's director said: "Sudan's *death / dead* was a cruel symbol of human disregard for *nature / natural* and it saddened everyone who knew him....He stole the heart of many *with / as* his dignity and strength."

Like many of Earth's majestic *boasts / beasts*, hunters have hunted the northern white rhino to near-extinction. There were more than 2,000 northern white rhino *on / in* the wild in the 1960s but their numbers *continually / continue* dwindled because of the *valued / value* of their horns. The only *remaining / remnant* northern white rhinos today are two females - Sudan's daughter and granddaughter. Both animals *live / living* in captivity so they will be *protected / protection*. There are hopes that the two females can produce young to keep the species *going / gone*. In vitro fertilization techniques using stored semen from *other / another* dead rhinos could be used to impregnate Sudan's offspring. The zoo is hoping to *rise / raise* \$9 million to fund the conservation project.

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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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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conservationists and animal lovers are in mourning today for the loss of

sudan the rhinoceros sudan was the worlds last male northern white rhino

the 45yearold animal was put down by his carers at a zoo in kenya after

agerelated complications he had been in very poor health recently due to his

old age zoo officials say his condition had worsened significantly and that he

no longer had the strength to stand his muscles had severely deteriorated

throughout his body and his skin had extensive wounds the zoos director

said sudans death was a cruel symbol of human disregard for nature and it

saddened everyone who knew himhe stole the heart of many with his dignity

and strength

like many of earths majestic beasts hunters have hunted the northern white

rhino to nearextinction there were more than 2000 northern white rhino in

the wild in the 1960s but their numbers continually dwindled because of the

value of their horns the only remaining northern white rhinos today are two

females sudans daughter and granddaughter both animals live in captivity

so they will be protected there are hopes that the two females can produce

young to keep the species going in vitro fertilization techniques using stored

semen from other dead rhinos could be used to impregnate sudans offspring

the zoo is hoping to raise 9 million to fund the conservation project.

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

Write about rhinos for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.						

ACADEMIC WRITING

Money spent on weapons should be spent on conservation. Discuss.					

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 having to spend more money on conservation than they do on weapons. 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 we can 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. f 2. а 3. d 4. h 5. q 6. e 7. С 8. m 9. h 10. i 11. ı 12. k 13. n 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

in mourning
 put down
 put to sleep

3. complications c. difficulties

4. deteriorated5. dignityd. worsenede. pride

6. beasts7. extinctiong. eradication

8. protected h. safe

9. fertilization i. insemination

10. fund j. finance

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Animal lovers 1. Conservationists and animal lovers are in mourning today.

2. 45 2. He had been in very poor health recently.

3. Stand 3. He no longer had the strength to stand.

4. His skin 4. A cruel symbol of human disregard for nature.

5. Their heart 5. He stole our hearts with his dignity.

Over 2,000 6. Hunted the northern white rhino to near-extinction.

7. Numbers continually dwindled because of the value.

8. Both animals live in captivity so they are protected.

9. In vitro fertilization techniques using stored semen.

10. Raise \$9 million to fund the conservation project.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

6.

7.

8.

9.

Two

In captivity

\$9 million

In vitro fertilization

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