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Level 5 – 30th April 2023

2,000 near-threatened white rhinos to be auctioned

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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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The word "auction" usually makes us think of priceless art or fine wines. We rarely think of near-threatened species. However, people rich enough to spend in excess of \$10 million can bid for 1,993 rhinos on Monday - International Save the Rhino Day. The South African multi-millionaire conservationist and entrepreneur John Hume is selling the beautiful beasts. He started a breeding project with 200 rhinoceros 30 years ago. He increased his stock by ten-fold. Mr Hume is also selling the 8,500-hectare ranch where the rhinos live.

Mr Hume's ranch is home to more than 10 per cent of the world's rhino population. Hume personally spent \$150 million on increasing rhino numbers. He can no longer afford his animals. He has to pay vets' bills, security guards to keep poachers away, and helicopter patrols. He said: "I've used all my life savings...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." He said: "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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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. priceless art | a. beasts |
| 2. We rarely think of near- | b. of \$10 million |
| 3. spend in excess | c. project |
| 4. bid for | d. by ten-fold |
| 5. multi-millionaire | e. or fine wines |
| 6. Hume is selling the beautiful | f. conservationist |
| 7. He started a breeding | g. threatened species |
| 8. He increased his stock | h. 1,993 rhinos |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. home to more | a. numbers |
| 2. the world's rhino | b. savings |
| 3. increasing rhino | c. of surviving |
| 4. He can no longer afford | d. vets' bills |
| 5. He has to pay | e. underdogs |
| 6. I've used all my life | f. his animals |
| 7. Rhinos are | g. than 10 per cent |
| 8. They stand the least chance | h. population |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mr Hume's (7) _____ to more than 10 per cent of the world's rhino population. Hume personally spent \$150 million on increasing rhino numbers. He can no (8) _____ animals. He has to pay vets' bills, security guards to (9) _____, and helicopter patrols. He said: "I've used all (10) _____ and I finally ran out of money. I'm hoping that there is a billionaire that would rather save the population of rhinos (11) _____ own a super-yacht." He said: "Rhinos are underdogs. They stand the (12) _____ surviving poaching."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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.

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) _____

