

Replace the Missing Words

- PAINTINGS
- LONG
- HUNTING
- EXISTED
- MILLION
- ANCESTORS
- CHANCE
- MAMMAL
- SHAGGY

Rhinos have been around for a very _____ time. Some scientists say they have been around for more than 50 _____ years!

Early rhinos had thick, _____ coats. Pictures of rhinos have been found in 30,000-year-old cave _____.

One of the rhino _____, called the *paraceratherium*, was 25 feet (7.6 meters) long and 18 feet (5.5 meters) high at the shoulder. It is regarded as the largest land _____ ever known.

Over the years, close to 100 rhinoceros species _____. Today, only five species continue the line: two native to Africa and three native to Asia. And due to over hunting, three of those five species of rhinoceros are now Critically Endangered. That means they have a 50% _____ of becoming extinct.

The main reason they are endangered is illegal _____. Some people think rhino horns can cure illnesses, but there is no evidence of that.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: REPUTATION
The noun **reputation** means an opinion held about someone or something.

Jack has the **reputation** of being shy, but he's talkative around his friends.

Try to use the word **reputation** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

ASK A RHINOCEROS

Q: How did you get your name?

A: We get our name from our most famous body part — our horns. The word *rhinoceros* comes from the Greek *rhino* (nose) and *ceros* (horn).

Q: Why do you roll around in mud?

A: Our skin may look tough, but it's actually very sensitive. We can suffer from sunburn. And insects like to bite us, and that really **bugs** us. So, we cover our skin in mud for protection. Plus, that cool mud feels so good on hot days!

Q: Why are all those little birds on you?

A: Our fine feathered friends are called **oxpeckers**. They eat ticks and bugs crawling around our skin, ears and eyes. Such a relief!

Q: Sometimes you charge into trees and boulders. Why?

A: Because our eyesight is not very good, we've been seen charging at boulders or trees that we mistake as attackers. This gave us a reputation for having a bad temper, but we don't really!



Q: What do rhinos eat?

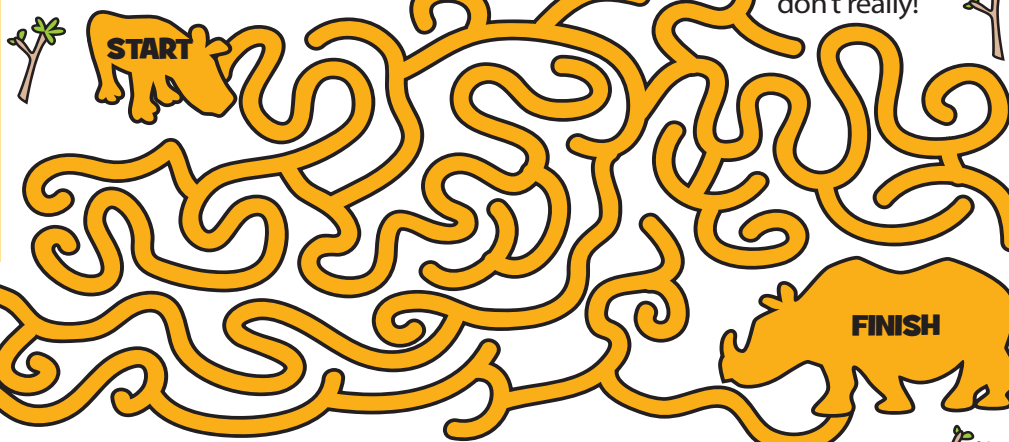
A: We use our horns to dig up roots and break branches, not for fighting. We are

Use the Rhino Secret Code!

■ = B	■ = H	■ = O	■ = S
■ = E	■ = I	■ = R	■ = V

Q: How big are baby rhinos?

A: Rhinos give birth to one calf at a time, which weighs over 100 pounds!



Q: What's with your ears?

A: While our eyesight is poor, we have excellent hearing! Our ears can move independent of each other. When one is tilted forward, the other can be directed backward. Or both may perk straight up when we hear an interesting sound.

Q: Do you have two horns?

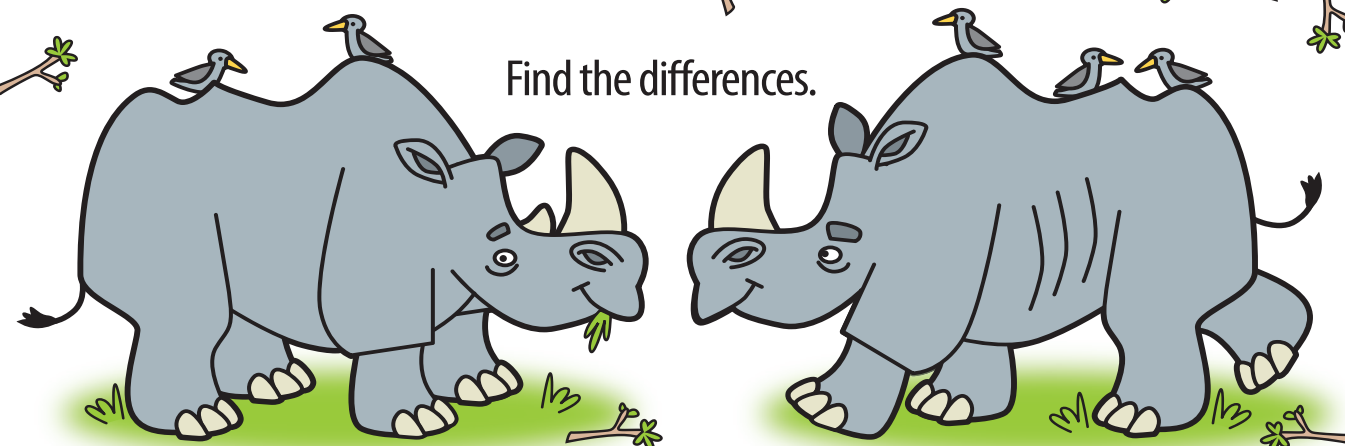
A: There are five kinds of rhinos: black, white, Sumatran, Javan, and Indian. Javan and Indian rhinos have only one horn. Sumatran, black and white rhinos have two.

Extra! Extra! Count the Noses

Look through today's newspaper and count all the noses you can see. Group the noses into groups such as "people noses" and "animal noses." Can you come up with other groups of noses?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Rhinos love to munch branches. How many can you find?



Kid Scoop Puzzler

You've heard of a pride of lions and a herd of cattle. But some groups of animals have really funny names. Do the math to discover the answers.

A _____ of sharks. 17 + 2 + 5	A _____ of lobsters. 15 + 5 + 2
A _____ of crows. 12 + 6 + 2	A _____ of frogs. 12 + 9 + 2
A _____ of rhinos. 7 + 7 + 7	

22 = RISK 23 = ARMY 21 = CRASH 24 = SHIVER 20 = MURDER

Standards Link: Math: Addition. Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Word Search

RHINOCEROS Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

- SENSITIVE
- SUMATRA
- SUNBURN
- HORNS
- WHITE
- JAVAN
- NEPAL
- CEROS
- SOUND
- PERK
- SKIN
- FIVE
- EARS
- CALF

E	S	C	E	R	O	S	N	W	S
V	V	N	A	V	A	J	E	H	U
I	F	T	R	H	I	E	P	I	M
T	H	L	S	U	K	F	A	T	A
I	N	O	A	R	B	H	L	E	T
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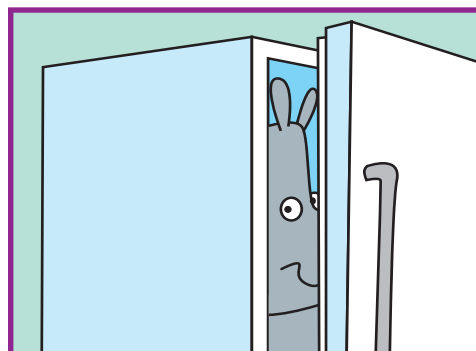
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Photo Clue Game

Play this game with a partner. One partner picks a photo from the newspaper and gives the other partner clues until he or she can identify which photo was selected.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



How do you know when there is a rhinoceros in your fridge?

ANSWER: When you can't shut the door.

Write On! Fiesta Time

Fiesta is how you say festival in Spanish. Pretend you are in charge of a festival. What will people do? What will they eat?

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