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Summer of the Rhino



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## Teaching Pack



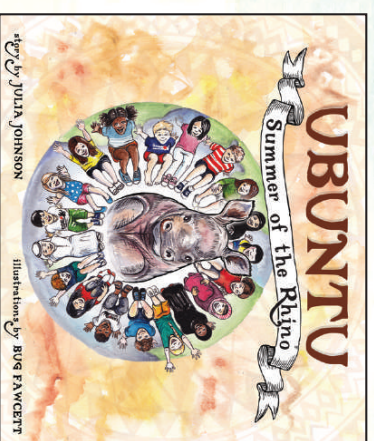
# Ubuntu: Summer of the Rhino

Ubuntu is a Bantu word made famous by Nelson Mandela, and means 'human kindness' or – literally – 'human-ness'.

There are very few children's books on the difficult subject of poaching. Either they are very focused on the African market, over-simplified, or too coldly factual. *Ubuntu: Summer of the Rhino* shows the rhino's serious plight, encouraging children to be pro-active about the future of our planet through the lovable character of Ubuntu.

The "real" Ubuntu is being taken care of at a reserve in South Africa by the charity Rhino Revolution who receive a donation from every book sold.

Inspire your students to take action and follow the lead of Princes William and Harry, as well as celebrities such as Bear Grylls, and join the fight against poaching. Head to the back of this pack to find out how your school can help raise money for Rhino Revolution.



Dubai helps to keep the rhino calf healthy through sponsoring his progress. George watches the rhino calf's progress on CCTV and when, one afternoon, the young girl doesn't appear at her usual time, George is convinced that she is in danger. George knows something is wrong, but what can he do when he is thousands of miles away?

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## SPECIFICATIONS

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## TRUE OR FALSE?

1 Rhinos are herbivores  
TRUE / FALSE

2 Five types of rhino live in Africa  
TRUE / FALSE

7 A young rhino is called a calf  
TRUE / FALSE

8 White rhinos are the rarest African rhino  
TRUE / FALSE

3 A group of rhinos is called a crash  
TRUE / FALSE

9 Black rhinos and white rhinos have one horn  
TRUE / FALSE

10 Poaching is the main reason that rhinos are endangered  
TRUE / FALSE

5 Rhinos have good eyesight but a poor sense of smell  
TRUE / FALSE

4 After the elephant, the rhino is the largest land animal  
TRUE / FALSE

6 Rhino horn is made of keratin like our fingernails  
TRUE / FALSE

11 Rhino horn can cure illnesses  
TRUE / FALSE

12 Rhino horn can be worth more than gold  
TRUE / FALSE





## Facts about rhinos

Two sorts of rhino live in Africa, the Black rhino and the White rhino. Both are actually grey!

Some people believe rhino horn can cure illnesses, but this is not true.

Rhino horn is worth more than gold.

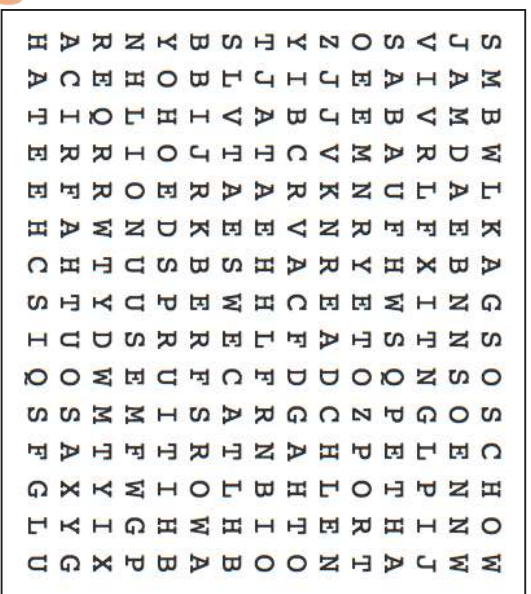
Rhinoceros means "nose horn". Rhino horns are made of "keratin" just like our fingernails!

Today all 5 types of rhino are endangered.

Rhinos have inhabited the earth for more than 50 million years!

Rhinos are being killed faster than they are being born.

## Wordsearch!



ANT  
BABOON  
BLACK RHINO  
CHEETAH  
CONSERVATION  
ELEPHANT  
GAME RESERVE  
GIRAFFE  
HOEDSPRUIT  
LION  
POACHER  
SAVANNAH  
SOUTH AFRICA  
WHITE RHINO  
ZEBRA



In the wild, rhinos live on the African savannah.

How many animals can you think of that live with Ubuntu?

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....
6. ....
7. ....
8. ....
9. ....
10. ....

## BONUS FIVE!

11. ....
12. ....
13. ....
14. ....
15. ....





## Collective nouns

What are the collective nouns for these different African animals?

Rhino \_\_\_\_\_ Hippopotamus \_\_\_\_\_

Ant \_\_\_\_\_ Flamingo \_\_\_\_\_

Antelope \_\_\_\_\_ Leopard \_\_\_\_\_

Boboon \_\_\_\_\_ Lion \_\_\_\_\_

Buffalo \_\_\_\_\_ Zebra \_\_\_\_\_

Camel \_\_\_\_\_ Vulture \_\_\_\_\_

Elephant \_\_\_\_\_ Cheetah \_\_\_\_\_

Giraffe \_\_\_\_\_ Warthog \_\_\_\_\_

BONUS  
POINTS FOR  
THESE 5!

Porcupine \_\_\_\_\_

Hyena \_\_\_\_\_

Mongoose \_\_\_\_\_

Penguin \_\_\_\_\_

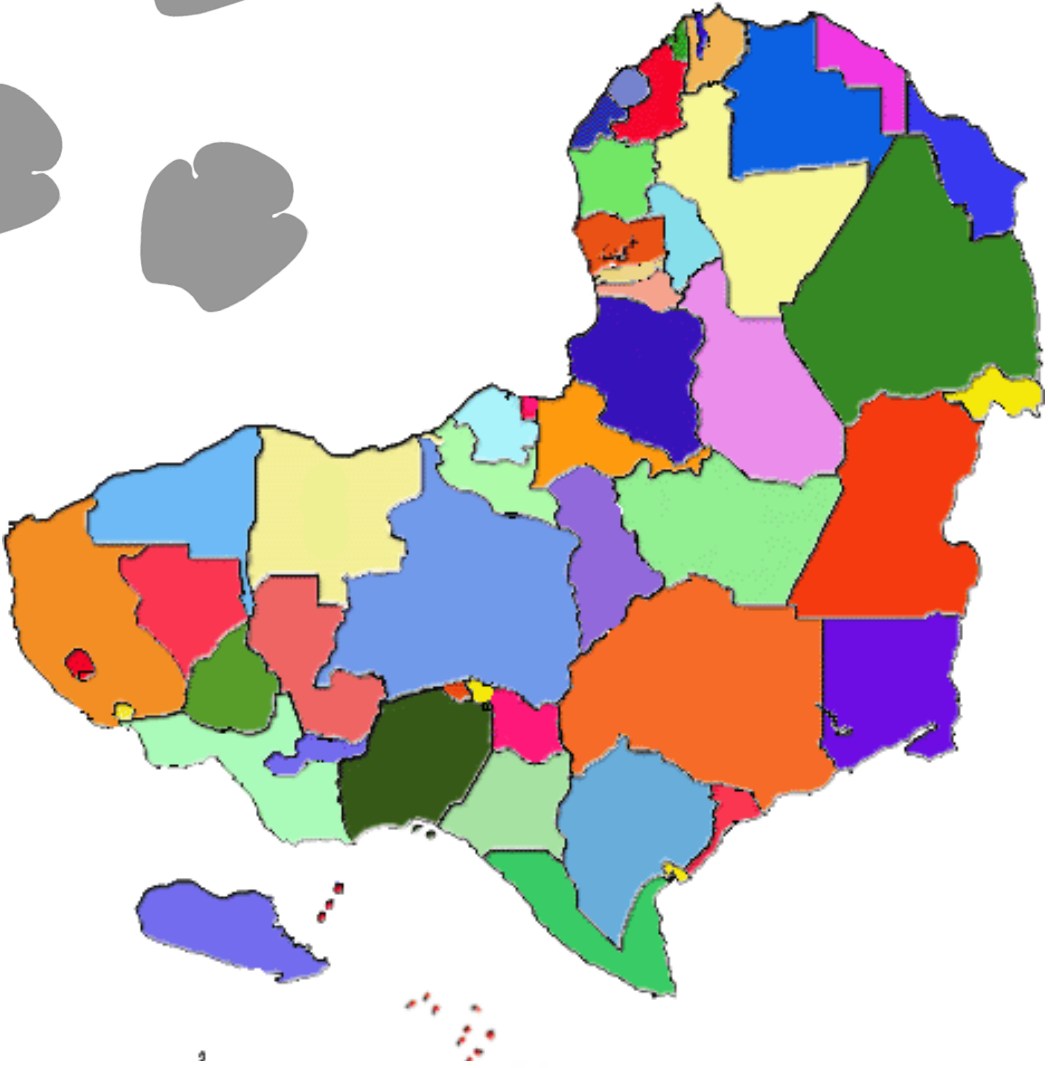
Armadillo \_\_\_\_\_





## Map of Africa

Ubuntu the rhino lives in Hoedspruit in South Africa, which is one of the many countries on the Africa continent. Can you name any of the others?



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## TRUE OR FALSE ANSWERS

1. TRUE
2. FALSE – there are five types in the world, but only 2 of them live in Africa.
3. TRUE
4. TRUE
5. FALSE – rhinos have POOR eyesight but a GOOD sense of smell.
6. TRUE
7. TRUE
8. FALSE – Black rhinos are the rarest African rhino
9. FALSE – Black rhinos and white rhinos have two horns
10. TRUE
11. FALSE – There is no truth in this belief
12. TRUE

## COLLECTIVE NOUN ANSWERS

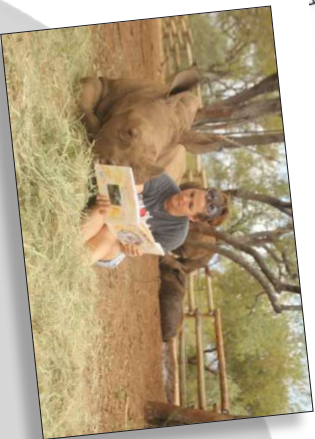
- Rhino – a crash or a heard of rhinos  
 Ant – a colony of ants  
 Antelope – a herd of antelope  
 Baboon – a troop of baboons  
 Buffalo – a herd of buffalo  
 Camel – a train or a caravan of camels  
 Elephant – a herd or memory of elephants  
 Giraffe – a tower or journey of giraffes  
 Hippopotamus – a bloat of hippopotamuses  
 Flamingo – a flamboyance of flamingos  
 Leopard – a leap of leopards  
 Lion – a pride of lions  
 Zebra – a dazzle or zeal of zebras  
 Vulture – a committee or kettle of vultures  
 Cheetah – a coalition of cheetahs  
 Warthog – a sounder of warthogs  
 Porcupine – a prickle of porcupine  
 Hyena – a sisterhood of hyenas  
 Mongoose – a business of mongooses  
 Penguin – a raft or a waddle of penguins  
 Aardvark – an armoury of aardvarks

## Map of Africa





**R**HINO **REVOLUTION** was started by the concerned citizens of Hoedspruit, including respected rhino conservationists and private nature reserve owners, who came together to try and reduce the escalating poaching crisis in this critically important rhino conservation area.



## Host a fundraiser!

Encourage your students to take an interest in the environment and have them think of ways to raise money to help Ubuntu and his friends.

- Cake sale
- Sponsored silence
- Sponsored walk
- Craft sale
- Raffle
- Charge entry to take part in your own mini Olympics
- Host an African quiz night
- Run a drawing competition for a Ubuntu

Find out how your school can help Rhino Revolution and their orphans at

[www.rhinorevolution.org](http://www.rhinorevolution.org).



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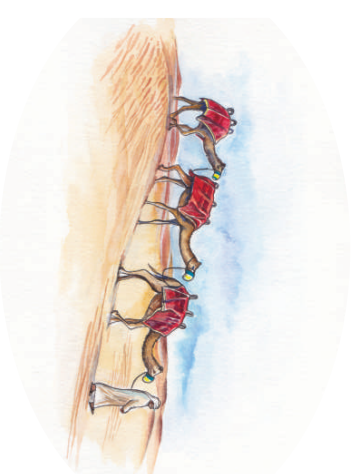
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