

Primary Worksheets: Rhinoceros



Rhinoceroses, or rhinos for short, are heavy animals with thick skin and hooves. Rhinos are in danger because of illegal hunting.

There are five species of rhinos. The black and white rhinos which live in Africa, and the Sumatran, Javan and Indian rhinos which live in Asia.

Rhinos are well known for their giant horns that grows from their snout. Their name means 'nose horn'.

Javan and Indian rhinos have one horn, whereas the black, white, and Sumatran have two.



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Rhinos are large animals that weigh over 3000kg! They are herbivores and like to munch on lots of grass and plants.

Most rhinos live by themselves in grasslands with small bushes or in marshes. They are solitary animals, but the white rhino may live in a group known as a 'crash'.

Males are very territorial and mark their area of land with their own poop! Rhinos have a great sense of smell and can use pongy piles to communicate with each other.



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There are only around 29,000 rhinos left in the wild. Before there used to be 500,000! Humans are the main threat to rhinos because of their horn.

Their horns are used in traditional folk medicine and can fetch a high price.

Rhinos have armour-like skin and strong horns that scare away all predators. Despite this, they get frightened very easily and tend to charge directly at whatever scared them.



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Answer the questions.

What is a Rhinoceros?

Where can we find them?

What are they well known for?



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Answer the questions.

What do they eat?

How do the males mark their territory?

Why are Rhinoceros in danger?

