

Rhino Quiz

1. How many rhinos are there in the world? (3 points to closest guess, 2 points to the next)

2. Rhinos are found naturally on what two continents? (1 point for each correct continent)

3. The word rhinoceros is of Greek origin. What do you think *rhino* and *ceros* mean in Greek? (1 point for each)

4. What do rhinos eat? (up to 2 points)

5. The rhino in this photo has his horn cut off. Why do you think this is? (up to 3 points)

6. Which country has most of the world's rhinos—by far? (1 point)



7. In 2016, over 1000 rhinos were poached in South Africa alone. Why do people kill rhinos? (3 points)

8. Rhinos are cool because... (5 points)

9. We want to know more about rhinos. One question we have about rhinos is: (5 points)

Answers

1. About 30,000

<u>Africa</u> White Rhino 20,000 Black Rhino 5,000	<u>Asia</u> Greater one-horned rhino 3,500 Sumatran Rhino = 100 Javan rhino = 62
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2. Africa and Asia.

3. *nose* and *horn*. (Give students credit for whatever order they have these in).

4. Rhinos eat only plants, namely grasses, bushes, and trees.

5. The rhino's horns are periodically trimmed in order to protect them. Poachers kill rhinos for their horns. If there rhinos don't have horns, the poachers won't kill them. However, as you can see from the photo, you can't cut off the entire horn, and you can only trim it every several years.

6. South Africa is custodian to more than 75% of the world's rhino population.

7. Many people, mostly in Asia, believe the horn has medicinal value. Or they believe it to be aphrodisiac. Rhino horn is made from keratin, the same kind of protein in your hair or fingernails. Horn has sold for up to \$65,000 per kilo. Poachers kill 1000 rhinos per year.

Note for teachers:

Students work in groups or pairs. Give them the questions, or you can write them on the board. Let them work together to guess or deduce the answer. Go over the questions one by one, and award points.

Some of the answers are opinion, for instance, #7 and #8. Give groups 5 points for their answers! In general, be generous with your points. Why not?

This is baby Ekozu, at the West Midlands Safari Park in the UK. Photo credit to them.

