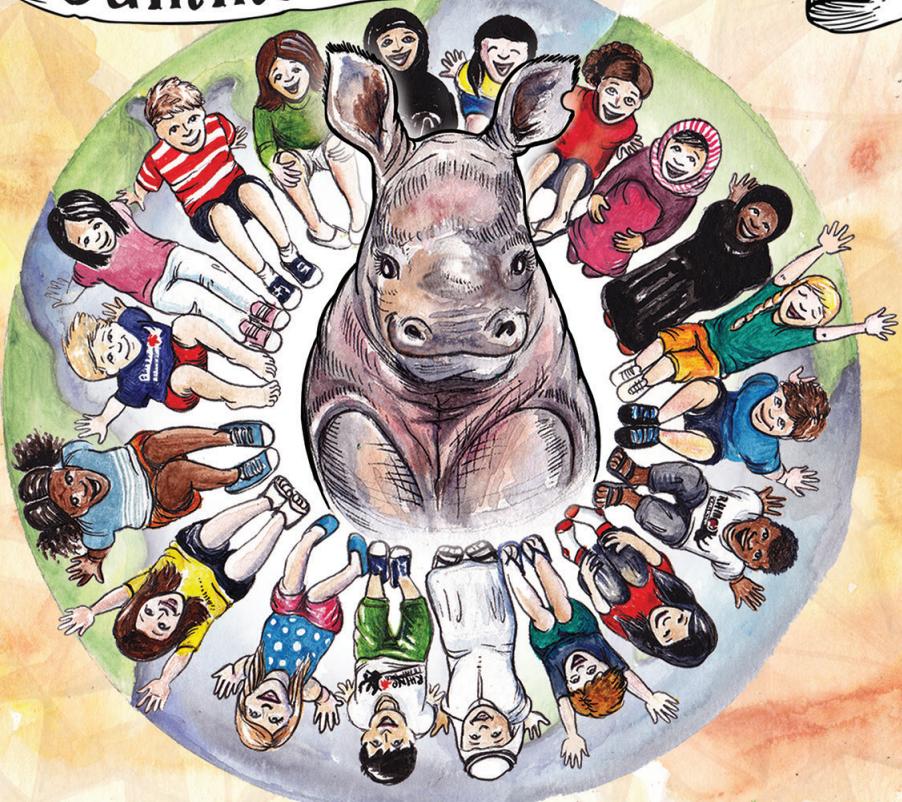


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Summer of the Rhino



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## Teaching Pack

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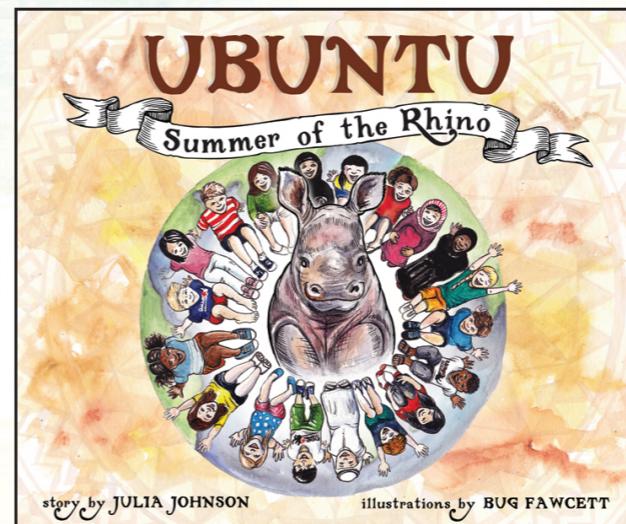
# Ubuntu: Summer of the Rhino

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

**T**here 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.



**A**s the moon rises over the South African savannah, a young African girl called Thembile and her father, a wildlife ranger, are out patrolling the night on horseback. They hear the heart-rending cries of a terrified rhino calf, and find him shivering beside the body of his mother. Help is summoned, but who will care for this orphan?

Ubuntu: Summer of the Rhino tells the story of Thembile and George as they work together to save Ubuntu from the poachers. George's school in

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?

**Julia Johnson** is a drama teacher turned children's author, storyteller and performer who first came to Dubai in 1975. She has appeared on stage, TV and radio in the UK and Dubai, has toured Theatre-in-Education productions to schools and recorded over 100 audio books. The Turtle Secret won the Best International Children's Book Award at Sharjah International Book Fair 2014. She has toured schools and colleges across the UK, Emirates, Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and Saudi Arabia with talks and workshops.

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## TRUE OR FALSE?

1 Rhinos are herbivores  
TRUE / FALSE

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

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

2 Five types of rhino live in Africa  
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

7 A young rhino is called a calf  
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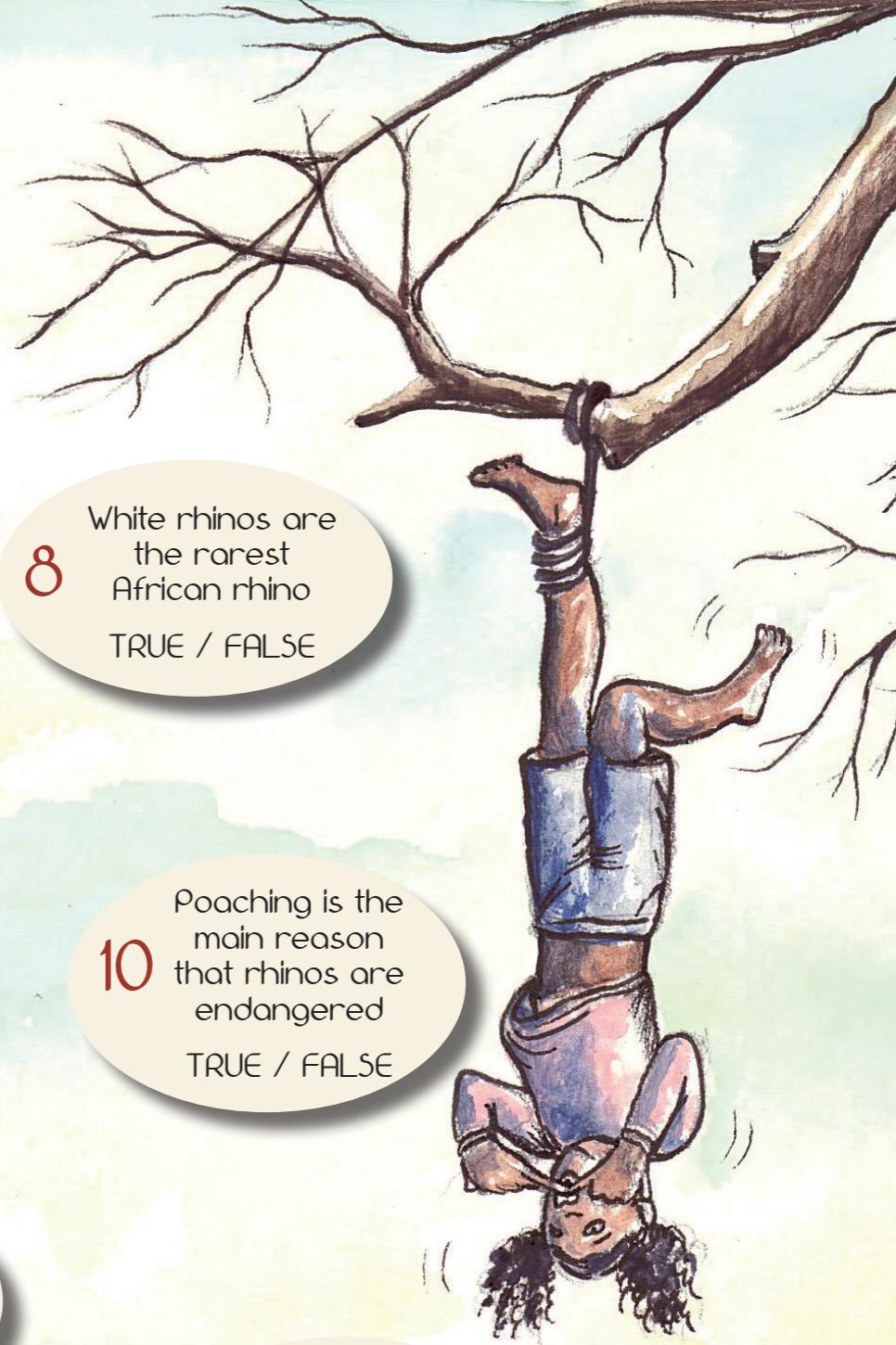
9 Black rhinos and white rhinos have one horn  
TRUE / FALSE

11 Rhino horn can cure illnesses  
TRUE / FALSE

8 White rhinos are the rarest African rhino  
TRUE / FALSE

10 Poaching is the main reason that rhinos are endangered  
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!

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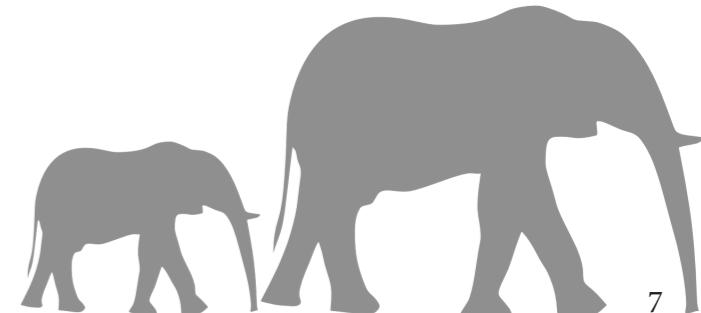
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POACHER

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SOUTH AFRICA  
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**BONUS FIVE!**





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