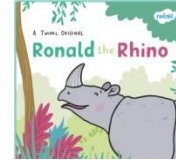


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Paws, Claws and Whiskers



Please read the story of Ronald the Rhino with your child (See attached Power Point slides) This will help your child with their writing work.

There is also a reading comprehension about some of the real life characters in the story.

Below are also some 'generic' ideas of how you can help your child at home with reading. Please feel free to share as many stories as possible at home during this time.

<p>Explore the front cover with children and discuss what the text might be about – what do we see and notice that might help us predict the key themes of the book?</p> 	<p>Read, read and read some more. Spend time together sharing, discussing and enjoying books. The more books children read, the more fluent they become.</p> 	<p>Write a new title for a book you read and loved – how would you keep the title linked to the content of the book?</p> 
<p>Why not draw a new front cover for a book that you have read? What would you include on the cover?</p> 	<p>Draw and label a character from the book you are reading: think about their feelings, physical description and personality. What have you learnt about the character from the story so far?</p> 	<p>Enjoy reading books that rhyme together. Remember to read with expression and rhythm. Try writing your own spring poem 😊</p> 
<p>Why not try reading a variety of non-fiction texts: magazines; newspapers; instruction manuals; recipe books...</p> 	<p>Why not read some non-fiction and discuss what you have learnt.</p> 	<p>Read with expression: read with fluency, read for enjoyment and read with expression! Have some fun with it!</p> 
<p>Explore picture books with children. Discuss the pictures and enjoy creating stories with your child.</p> 	<p>Play 'Reading Tag' or 'Pass the Book'. On a given word or signal you change the person who is reading.</p> <p>Adults - vary how much you, as the adult are reading, depending on how well your child is reading the words.</p> 	<p>Design Character Top Trump cards for different characters in different books. What are their characteristics and qualities? What strengths and weaknesses do the characters have? Then have a game, which character would win?</p> 

Javan Rhinos

Rhinos can be found in warm countries, as they don't like the cold. They like lots of space to move around and plenty of plants and fruit to eat. There are different kinds of rhinos. They differ in size and some have longer horns.



About Javan Rhinos

- They are smaller than African rhinos, with small horns on their noses.
- They don't like cold or dry places. They like to live where it is damp and there are plenty of plants.
- They sleep during the hottest part of the day and come out when it is cooler.
- Javan rhinos have thick, tough skin which protects them from animals that might want to hurt them.

An Endangered Animal

Sadly, Javan rhinos are being hunted, which means not many are left. We call this being 'endangered'. There used to be thousands of Javan rhinos but now there are only about 60 left in the wild. If people don't stop hunting them, there will be none left in just a few years' time.

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Javan Rhinos - Questions

1. Why do rhinos live in warm countries?

2. What do rhinos like to eat?

3. Which is smaller, an African rhino or a Javan rhino?

4. How many Javan rhinos are left in the world?

5. What will happen if Javan rhinos aren't protected?

6. Write one sentence to describe a Javan rhino.

Answers

1. Why do rhinos live in warm countries?

Rhinos live in warm countries because they don't like the cold.

2. What do rhinos like to eat?

Rhinos like to eat plenty of plants and fruit.

3. Which is smaller, an African rhino or a Javan rhino?

A Javan rhino is smaller than an African rhino.

4. How many Javan rhinos are left in the wild?

There are only about 60 Javan rhinos left in the wild.

5. What will happen if Javan rhinos aren't protected?

If Javan rhinos aren't protected there will be none left in a few years.

6. Write one sentence to describe a Javan rhino.

Varied answers.

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Ronald the Rhino

*Please read the Twinkl story ["Ronald the Rhino"](#) before completing this comprehension.



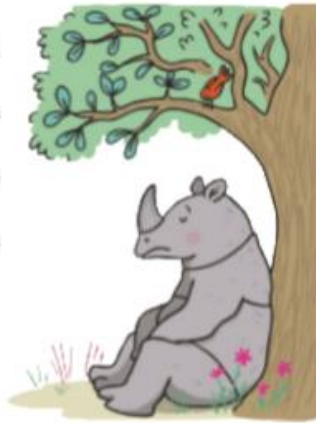
Ronald the Rhino is big and strong,
In the Javan forest, is where he belongs.
His dusky grey skin is very well worn,
At the front of his head is a beautiful horn.

He eats fallen fruits from the damp forest floor,
But Ronald is sad, he longs for much more.

"Why am I special?" he says with a tear,
"I live by myself, I have no friends here.

All of the animals have a grand trait,
Something unique that makes them just great."

"I've got it!" he cries, a smile creeps up his face,
And he wiggles and jiggles all over the place.



Ronald the Rhino

"I'll be a leopard... with beautiful spots,
With yellowish fur and dark brownish dots."

Ronald sets off to hatch out his plan,

And through the dense forest his eyes start to scan.



Ronald looks sad, doesn't know what to do,
He lets out a sigh, he's feeling so blue.

"Why am I special?" he says with a tear,
"I live by myself, I have no friends here."

"All of the animals have a grand trait,
Leopard has spots that make him just great."
"I've got it!" he cries, a smile creeps up his face,
And he wiggles and jiggles all over the place.

"I'll be a python, with a body so strong,
With beautiful patterns; a tongue nice and long!"

He starts right away and gets down on the ground.

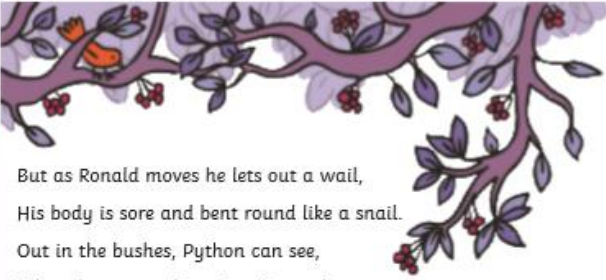
He slides through the mud with a terrible sound.



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Ronald the Rhino



But as Ronald moves he lets out a wail,
His body is sore and bent round like a snail.
Out in the bushes, Python can see,
What the young rhino is trying to be.

"His skin is tough and looks like great armour,
His eyes sparkle brightly, he's a real charmer!"

"His legs are so strong and his horn is the best,
The animals love him as you may have guessed."



"I want to be like him!" Ronald
says quick,
His eyes shining bright as his
feet do a kick.

Ronald the Rhino

So off through the forest they set off to find,
This mystery animal that might change his mind.

He stops as he sees it and then gasps out loud,
Leopard and Python could cry they're so proud.

For the wondrous animal that he can see,
"By golly, it's amazing, it's wonderfully... ME!"



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Questions

You will need to read pages 3-4 to answer these questions.

1. Which "grand trait" does Leopard have?

2. What does 'feeling blue' mean?

3. What does Ronald do when he is happy? Name two things.

4. How does Ronald try to be like Python?

5. "As Ronald moves he lets out a wail," how do you think Ronald is feeling?

6. Do you think Python and Leopard are Ronald's friends? Why?

7. Name two things that Ronald is upset about.

8. What does Python compare Ronald's skin to?

Answers

1. Which "grand trait" does Leopard have?
Leopard has spots which make him just great.
2. What does 'feeling blue' mean?
'Feeling blue' means feeling sad.
3. What does Ronald do when he is happy? Name two things.
When he is happy, Ronald smiles and wriggles and jiggles all over the place.
4. How does Ronald try to be like Python?
He gets down on the ground and slides through the mud.
5. "As Ronald moves he lets out a wail," how do you think Ronald is feeling?
Ronald probably "lets out a wail" because it hurts sliding along the floor, and he is sad he is not like Python.
6. Do you think Python and Leopard are Ronald's friends? Why?
Children's own answers.
7. Name two things that Ronald is upset about.
Two answers from the following: Ronald doesn't know why he is special. He thinks he has no friends and he lives by himself.
8. What other animal do you think Ronald could have pretended to be like? Why?
Children to suggest another animal and give their reasons for picking it.