

# Kid Scoop

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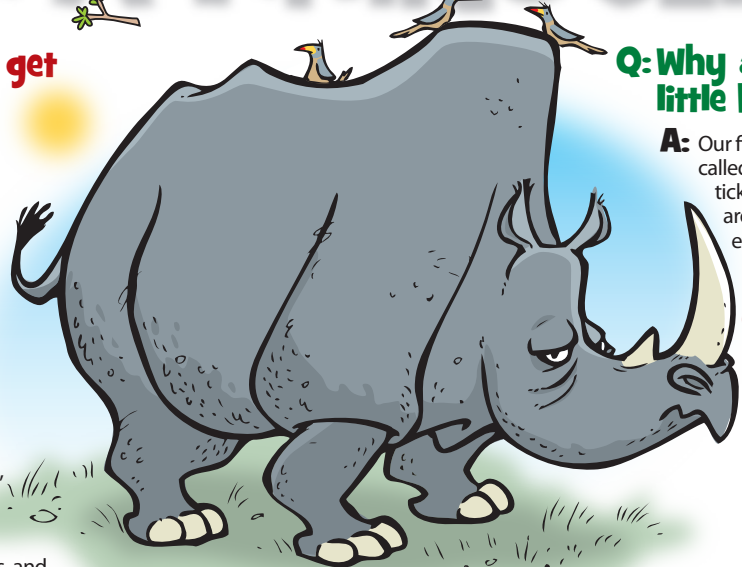
## ASK A RHINOCEROS

**Q: How did you get your name?**

**A:** We get our name from our most famous body part — our horns. The word *rhinoceros* comes from the Greek *rhino* (nose) and *ceros* (horn).

**Q: Why do you roll around in mud?**

**A:** Our skin may look tough, but it's actually very sensitive. We can suffer from sunburn. And insects like to bite us, and that really bugs us. So, we cover our skin in mud for protection. Plus, that cool mud feels so good on hot days!



**Q: Why are all those little birds on you?**

**A:** Our fine feathered friends are called **oxpeckers**. They eat ticks and bugs crawling around our skin, ears and eyes. Such a relief!

**Q: Sometimes you charge into trees and boulders. Why?**

**A:** Because our eyesight is not very good, we've been seen charging at boulders or trees that we mistake as attackers. This gave us a reputation for having a bad temper, but we don't really!

**Q: What do rhinos eat?**

**A:** We use our horns to dig up roots and break branches, not for fighting. We are



Use the Rhino Secret Code!

■ = B   ■ = H   ■ = O   ■ = S  
■ = E   ■ = I   ■ = R   ■ = V

**Q: How big are baby rhinos?**

**A:** Rhinos give birth to one calf at a time, which weighs over 100 pounds!

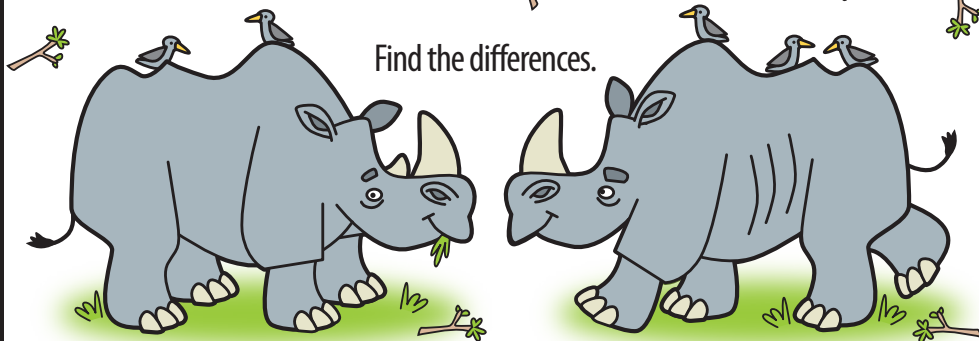


**Q: What's with your ears?**

**A:** While our eyesight is poor, we have excellent hearing! Our ears can move independent of each other. When one is tilted forward, the other can be directed backward. Or both may perk straight up when we hear an interesting sound.

**Q: Do you have two horns?**

**A:** There are five kinds of rhinos: black, white, Sumatran, Javan, and Indian. Javan and Indian rhinos have only one horn. Sumatran, black and white rhinos have two.



Find the differences.

**Extra! Extra!**  
**Count the Noses**

Look through today's newspaper and count all the noses you can see. Group the noses into groups such as "people noses" and "animal noses." Can you come up with other groups of noses?

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Rhinos love to munch branches. How many can you find?

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

You've heard of a pride of lions and a herd of cattle. But some groups of animals have really funny names. Do the math to discover the answers.

A  $17 + 2 + 5$  of sharks.      A  $15 + 5 + 2$  of lobsters.

A  $12 + 6 + 2$  of crows.

A  $7 + 7 + 7$  of rhinos.      A  $12 + 9 + 2$  of frogs.

22 = RISK   23 = ARMY   21 = CRASH   24 = SHIVER   20 = MURDER

**Standards Link:** Math: Addition. Follow simple written directions.

### Kid Scoop Word Search

**RHINOCEROS** Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

SENSITIVE  
SUMATRA  
SUNBURN  
HORNS  
WHITE  
JAVAN  
NEPAL  
CEROS  
SOUND  
PERK  
SKIN  
FIVE  
EARS  
CALF

E	S	C	E	R	O	S	N	W	S
V	V	N	A	V	A	J	E	H	U
I	F	T	R	H	I	E	P	I	M
T	H	L	S	U	K	F	A	T	A
I	N	O	A	R	B	H	L	E	T
S	O	R	E	C	O	N	I	H	R
N	N	P	V	R	I	I	U	R	A
E	O	N	N	K	M	E	N	S	T
S	N	S	S	O	U	N	D	O	W

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Photo Clue Game

Play this game with a partner. One partner picks a photo from the newspaper and gives the other partner clues until he or she can identify which photo was selected.

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

#### Write On! Fun Family Adventure

Tell about a fun outing you went on with your family.

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