

ANIMALS AND THEIR FAVOURITE FOOD

An animal's diet depends upon where it lives and what plants and animal prey are available there. The lifestyle and body parts of each animal are closely linked to its diet. Of all the things that an animal may eat, however, there is one thing which is most well known. **Name the main component of the diet of these animals.**

Shrimp and algae

Eucalyptus

Durian

Bamboo



1. Although it is omnivorous, the **giant panda** spends half the day eating shoots of a grass that is its main diet. It cannot derive much nutrition from this herbivorous diet and eats large quantities everyday to make up for it. Name the grass. _____



2. **Koalas** feed on the leaves of this tree getting not only their nutrition but also most of the required moisture from them. The animals rarely get down from the trees. When they are not eating, they are sleeping on the branches! Name the tree. _____

3. The **orangutan** eats the ripe fruits and other soft parts of several varieties of trees and plants that grow in the forests where it lives. Its favourite fruit, however, is supposed to be a large fruit with a strong and unusual taste and smell. The animal spits out the seeds, helping them to disperse. Name the fruit. _____



4. A **flamingo** feeds with its head upside down so that mud can be filtered out of its beak as the food remains inside. The pink colour of this bird is due to carotenoid (a type of pigment) in its diet. _____

ENDANGERED ANIMALS

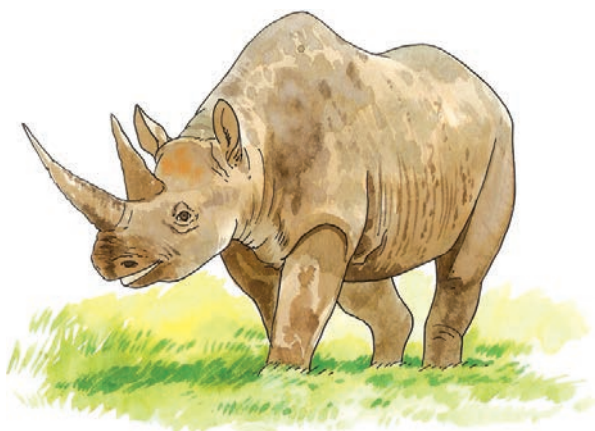
Endangered animals may be lost forever if we do not take quick action to stop their decline. **Try to guess their names from the clues.**

whooping crane

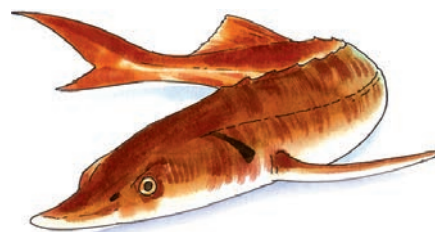
dugong

sturgeon

black rhinoceros



1. Herbivore mammal found in Southern Africa / killed for its horn, which is made of a mass of fibres attached to the skin of its snout / conservation under way to protect it in Zimbabwe, Kenya and Namibia. _____



2. They have the informal status of being living fossil fish because they have changed little over thousands of years / found in the northern hemisphere / over-hunted for their meat and eggs, the latter being made into caviar, a very expensive delicacy / water pollution and damming of rivers also threaten their survival.



3. Tallest wading bird in North America / known for its loud call and mating dance / endangered because of habitat destruction / captive breeding programmes have helped increase its numbers. _____



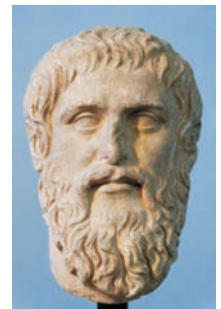
4. Large marine herbivore / referred to as the sea cow as its diet consists of sea-grass / is thought to have inspired ancient myths about mermaids / threatened by poachers who hunt the animal for its meat, oil, skin and bones. _____

PORTRAITS

A portrait is an artistic representation made to show not only the physical likeness of a person, but also his or her personality. For this reason, the pose and expression are important, as are the clothes, accessories, background, and other details. A portrait focuses mainly on the face, but may include the rest of the body, too. Portraits may be painted, drawn, sculpted or photographed. A portrait that is done by the artist himself is called a self-portrait.

Answer these questions about some well known portraits.

1. He was a famous Greek philosopher and mathematician. Silanion, a Greek portrait-sculptor of the fourth century BC, made this sculpture-portrait for the Academy of Athens, a school where this philosopher gave lectures and held discussions with his students. The original is no longer available, but several copies survive. Who does this bust represent? (Hint: he was the student of Socrates, another famous Greek philosopher.) _____



2. This is a portrait of Chinese Zen monk Wuzhun Shifan. It was painted, by an unknown artist, in thirteenth century in China. It is painted in a style that was reserved for portraits of priests: the subject is shown full monastic robes, sitting in lotus position, and holding a staff. Of which religion is Zen a part? _____



3. *Mona Lisa*, sometimes considered the best known painting in the world, is on permanent display at the Louvre Museum in Paris. This oil painting is said to have been commissioned by a wealthy Florentine silk merchant for his new home. The portrait is of his wife, Lisa del Giocondo, whose expression and smile in the portrait are often described as enigmatic. Which sixteenth-century artist painted this portrait? _____



This is a self-portrait of the artist done in red chalk

FOUND IN INDIA

Here are some animals that are unique to our country. Find out and write two facts about each.



1. Great Indian Bustard



2. Lion-tailed Macaque



3. Nilgiri Tahr



4. Jerdon's Courser



5. Brahminy Kite



6. Reticulated Python
