

Here is an animal news story. Read the story, from page 19 of the newspaper, and then try the puzzle. To help you, we have underlined the answers to the crossword puzzle clues in the story – but you will need to match the correct word with each clue!



## ANIMAL NEWS

# GOOD NEWS FOR RHINOS



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When the animals were counted eight years ago, there were 4,845. When the count was redone two years ago, the number of African black rhinos had risen to 5630.

Lots has been done to look after the animals. They have been guarded, monitored and even moved to new locations in order to keep them safe and boost the population.

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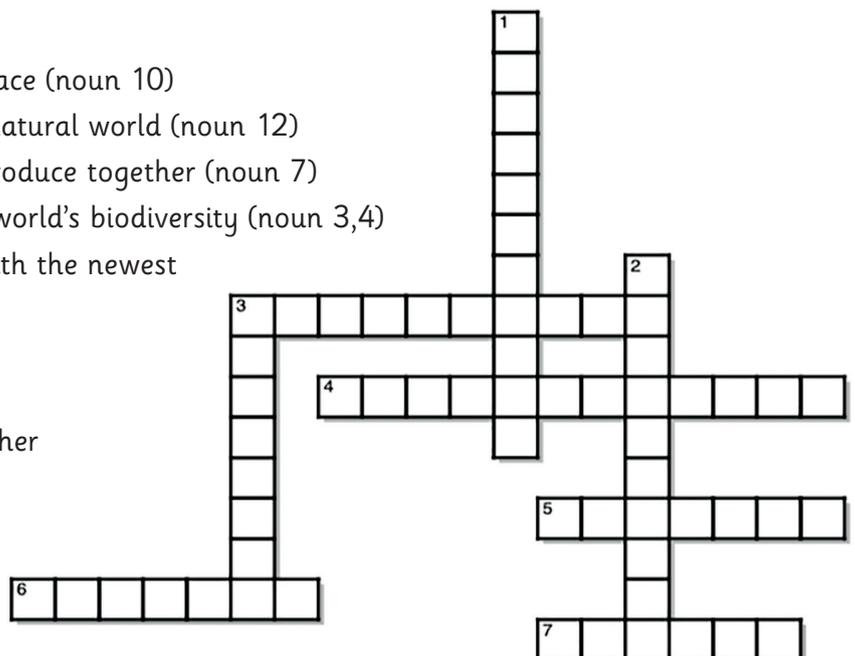
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