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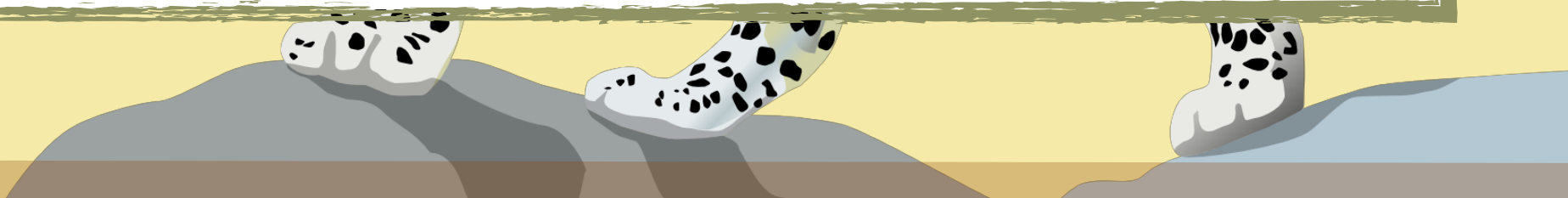
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# THE COMPREHENSION DOJO

## By Vocabulary Ninja



## 8 Core Skills

**Welcome Grasshopper!** To the The Comprehension Dojo by Vocabulary Ninja! Much like a standard Dojo, The Comprehension Dojo is a place where reading skills can be acquired, practised, and in time...mastered!

We all know it is nearly impossible to fit in everything we need to in a school day, and reading often ends up becoming the poor relation in terms of time spent. The Comprehension Dojo will help schools embed reading skills into foundation subject and topic subjects, as well as increase topic subject knowledge. Win, Win!

Comprehension Dojo packs have been created to give pupils opportunities to learn and master essential reading retrieval skills that they will encounter in KS1 and KS2 SATs. Questions have been designed to closely match SATs questions.

In this pack you will find a high-quality non fiction text and 8 different reading retrieval activities based on the 8 core comprehension skills. These can all be printed and easily turned into a handy booklet. All answers have been provided too, reducing teacher workload!

- Matching
- Sequencing
- Fill in the Gap
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- Multiple Choice
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- True or False

### KEY SKILL 1 - SKIM AND SCAN

Reading comprehension relies on how efficiently a pupil can navigate a text and locate information.

The ability to skim and scan is therefore vital.

**Skim** - Try to remember a general area, use headings and topic sentences to locate the correct paragraph or section of the text.

**Scan** - Once the correct section has been located, pupils then scan that paragraph to locate a **KEYWORD** that was identified/used in the question (Be careful, as this could be a synonym of a different tense).

Pupils should then read the sentences before, in and after to retrieve/locate the answer or information.

### KEY SKILL 2 - KEYWORDS

Train pupils to identify a keyword in a question. A keyword is usually a topic specific word/phrase that stands out in the question. By identifying this word and then locating it, pupils will locate the information that they require to answer the question.

Example: When did **education** become important?

Education would be considered the key word, pupils should then use **KEY SKILL 1** to locate the keyword in the text. Pupils must then read the surrounding sentences carefully to determine the correct answer.

**Beware:** Pupils will often just read on from the key word. Teach them to read the sentence the word is in and even the sentence before!



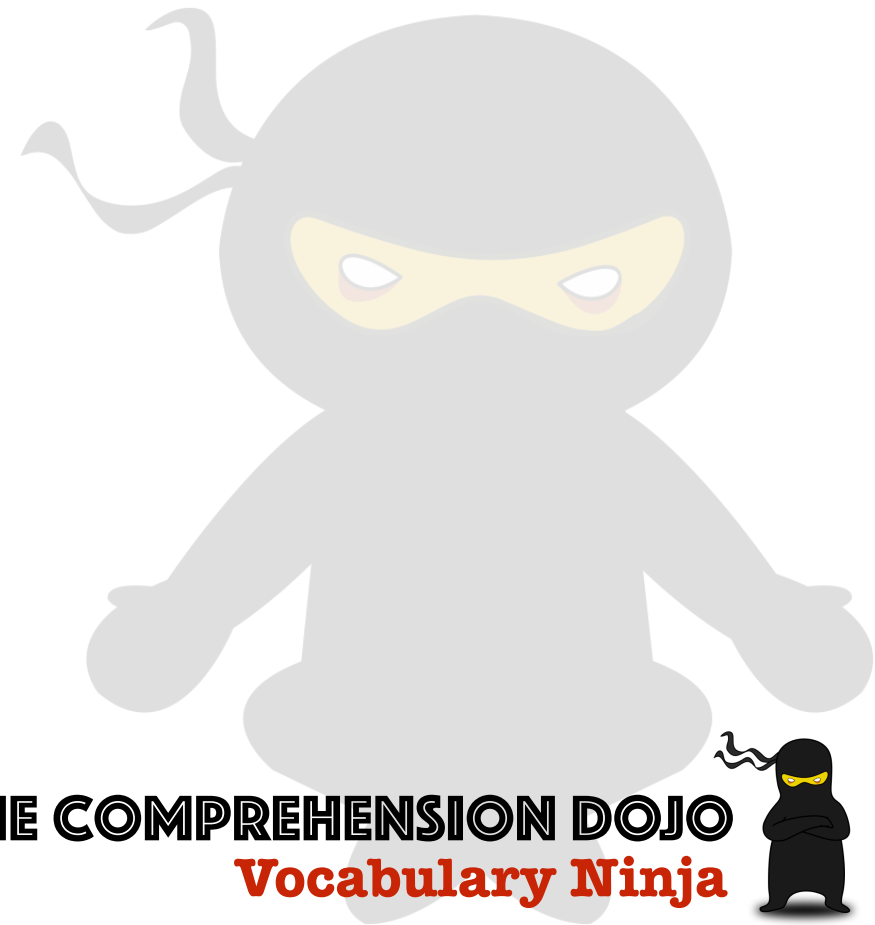
*'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'*



# BOOKLET

The following pages have been organised so that the resource can be printed two-sided as a stapled booklet.

Only print pages 4 to 9 to print the booklet.



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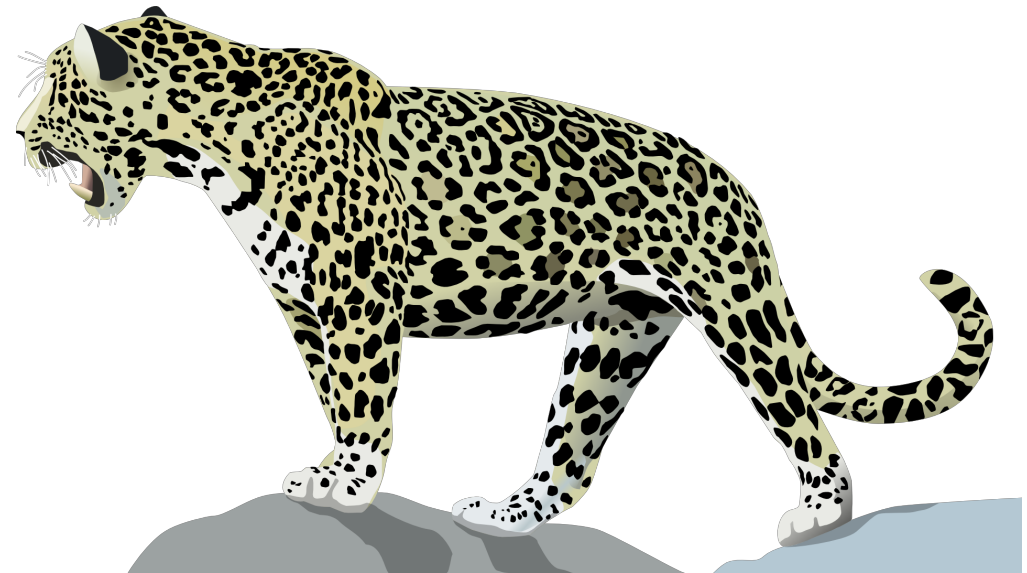
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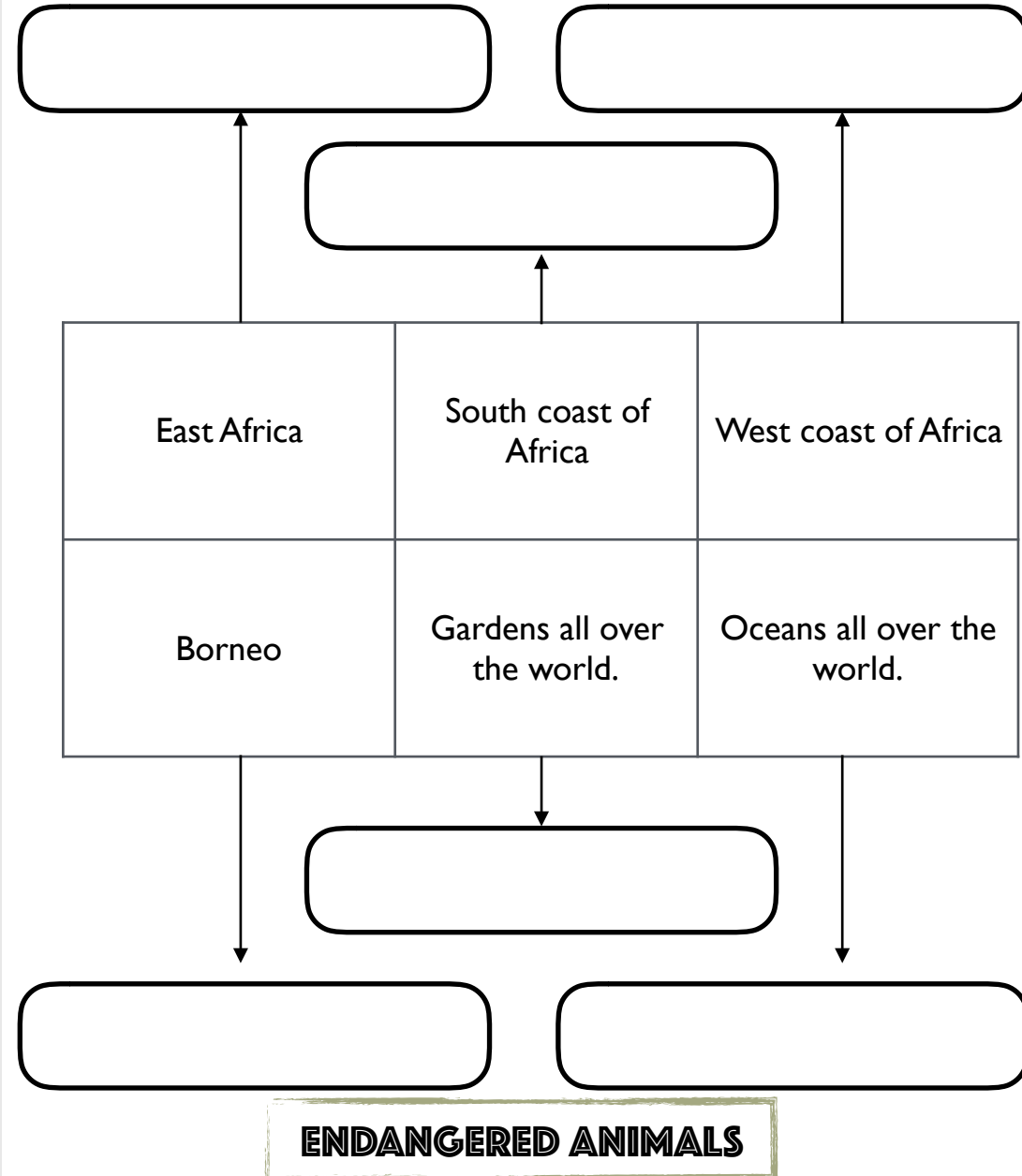
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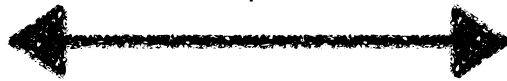
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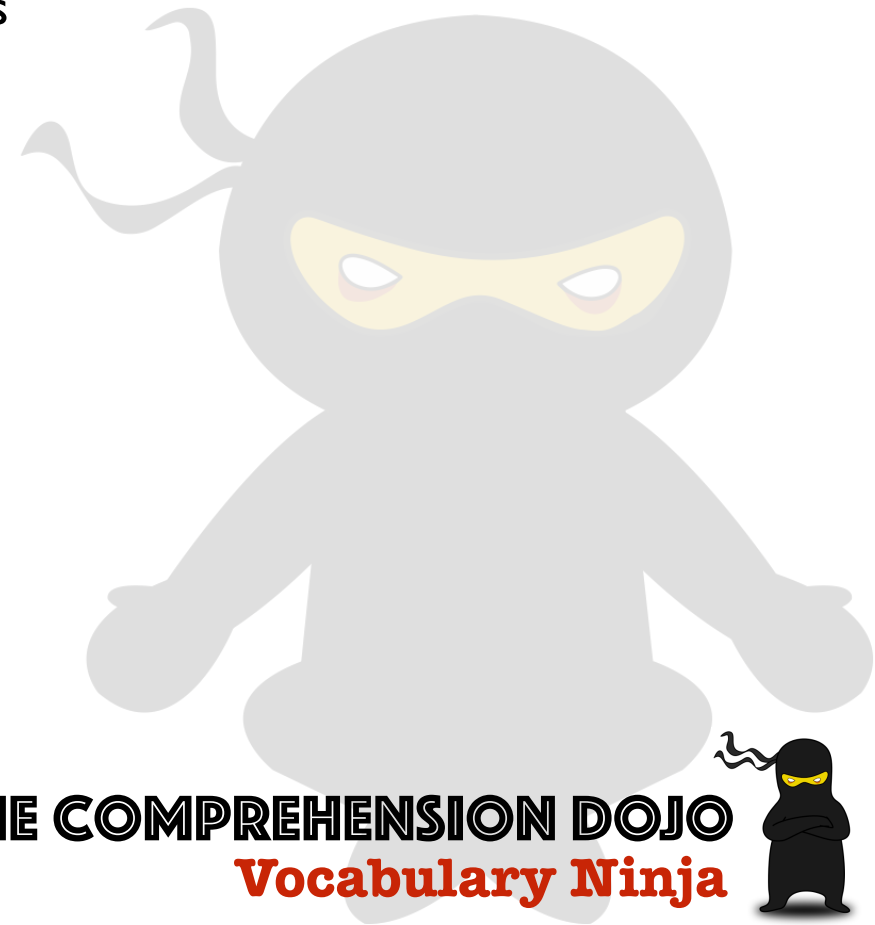
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Please only print pages 11 to 16.



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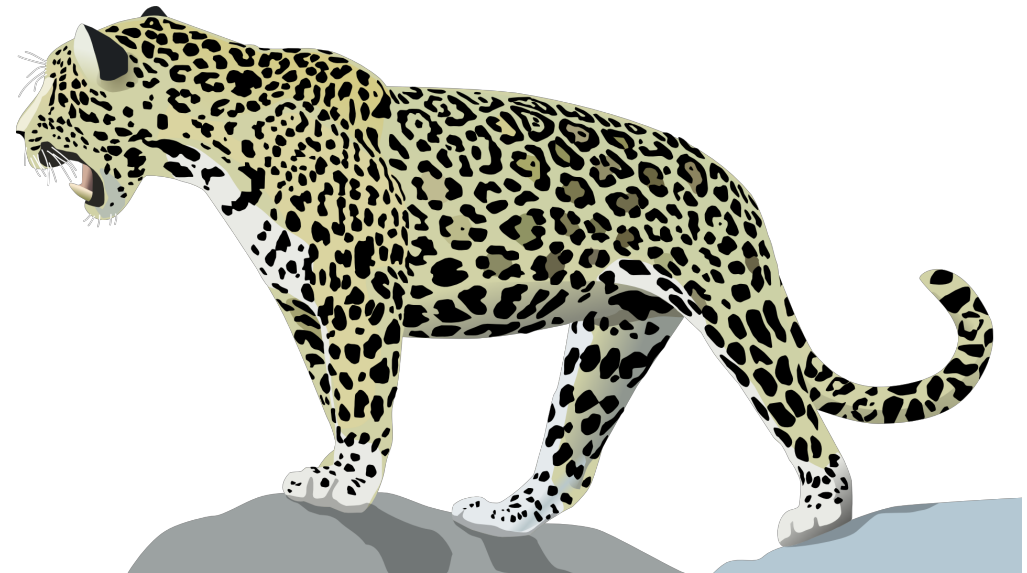
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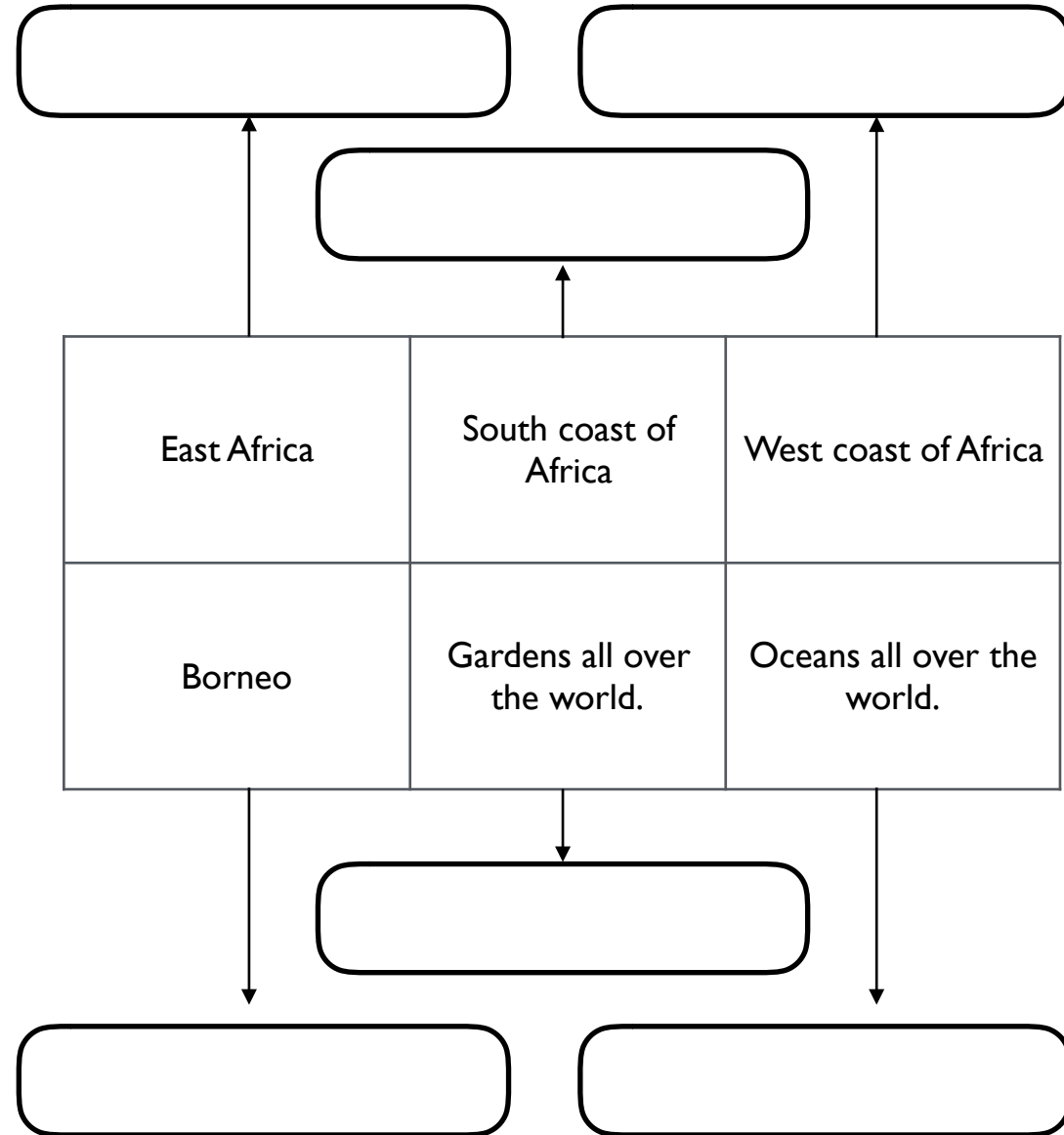


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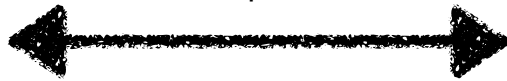
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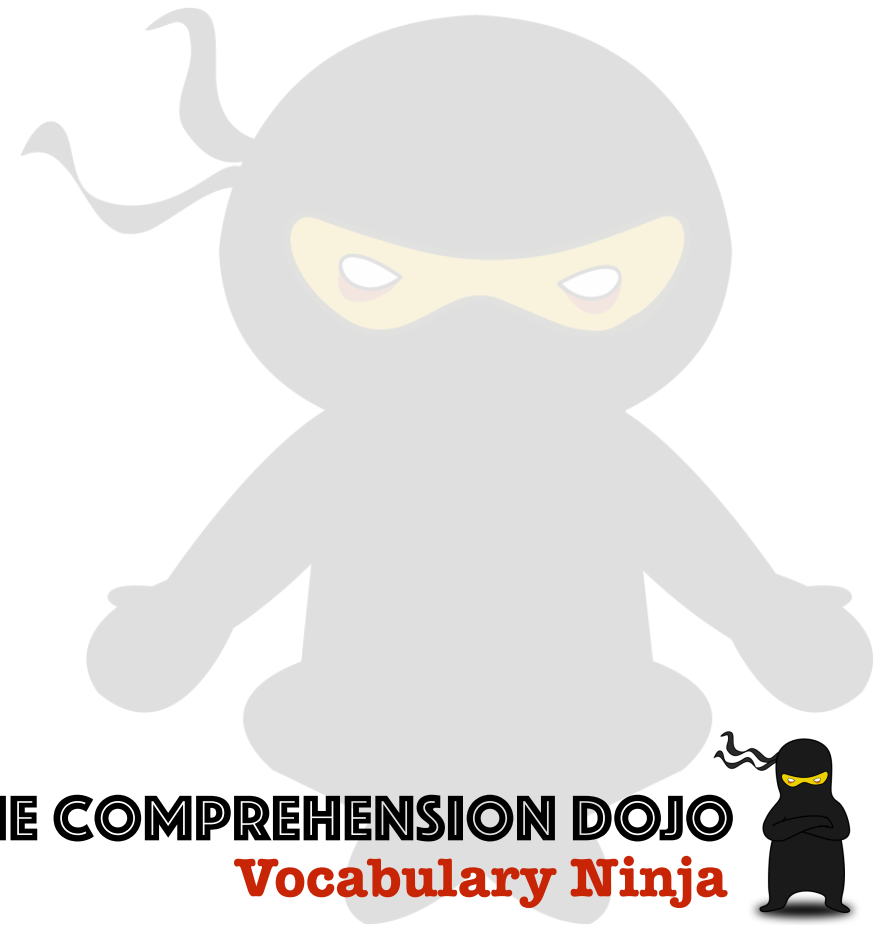
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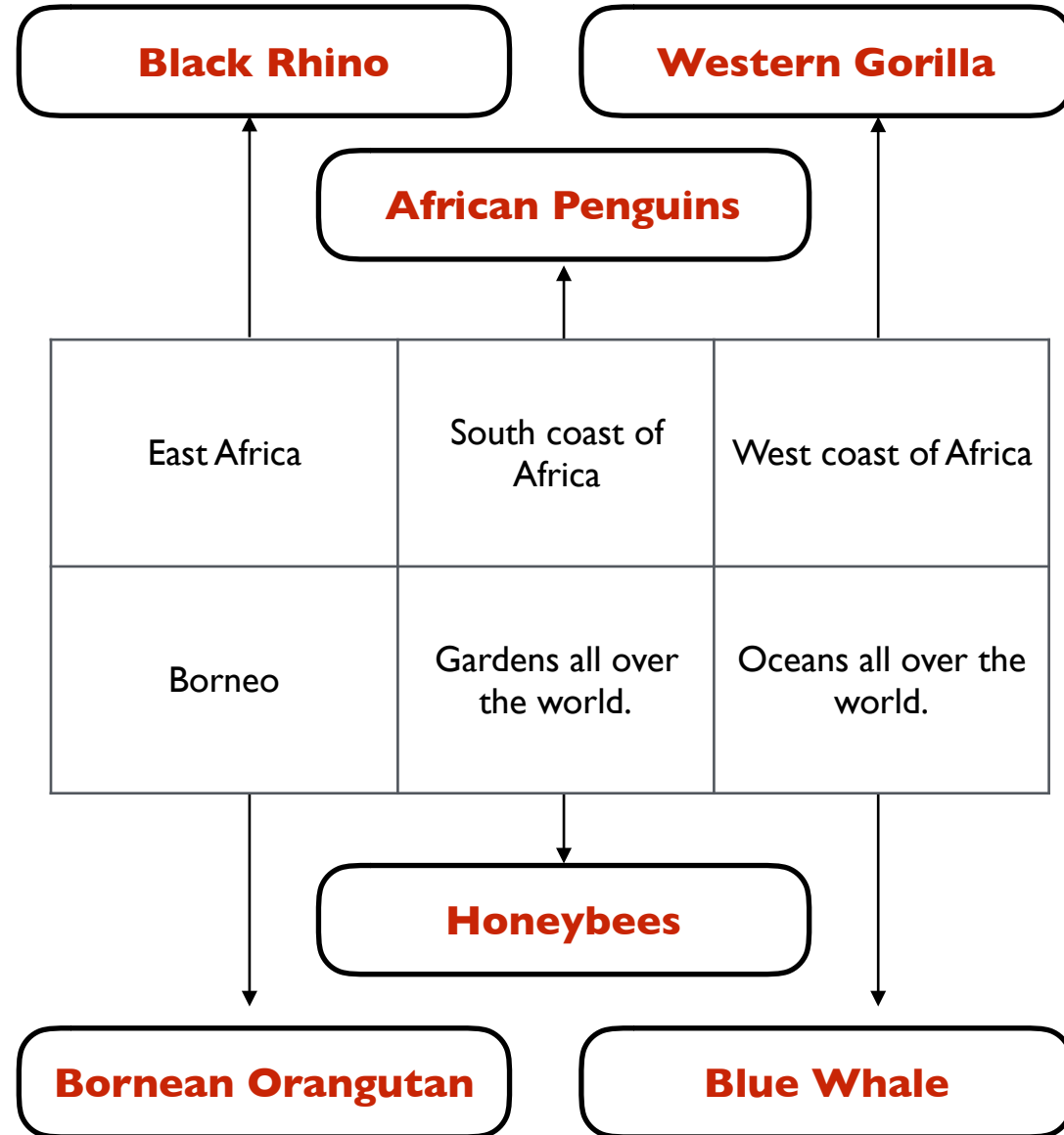


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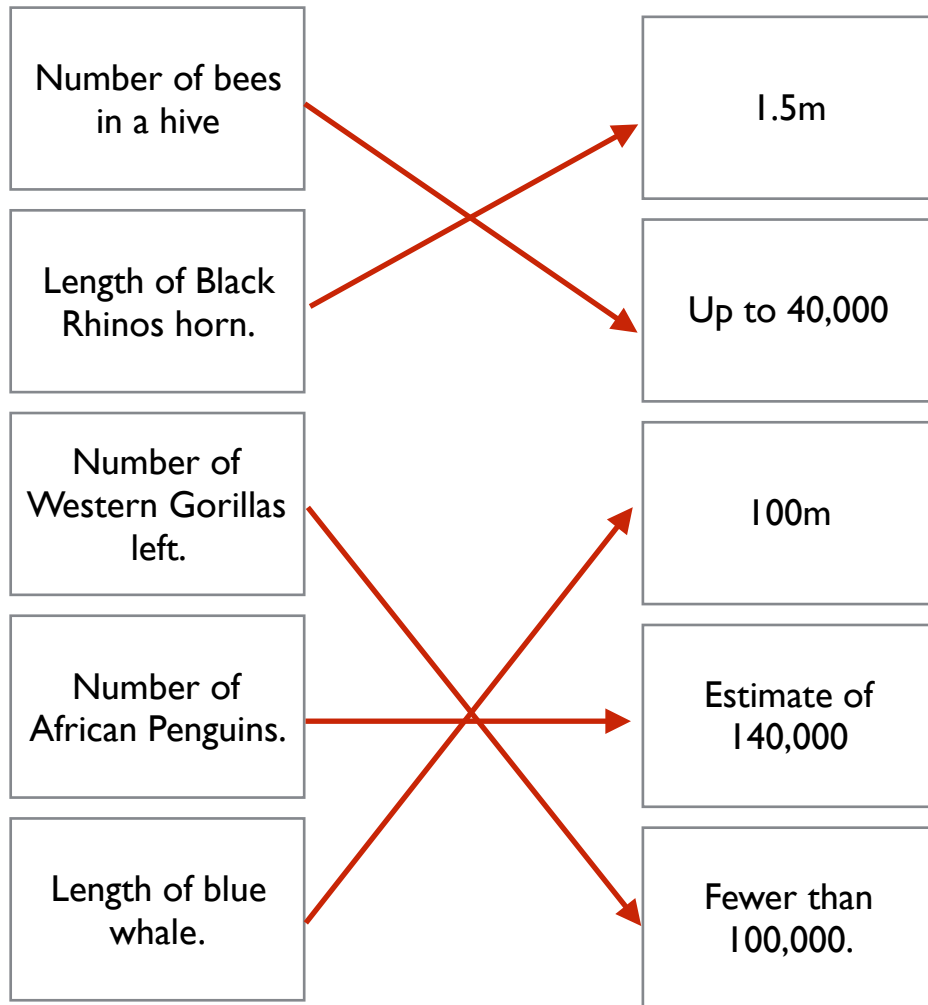


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3	The <b>demise</b> of the black rhinoceros is due to a number of factors but mostly due to humans hunting them to the brink of extinction.
4	An <b>inhabitant</b> of the tropical jungles of Borneo, this animal is the second largest ape species in the world after the gorilla.
5	Due to its size, this <b>omnivore</b> has few natural predators from the African jungles, with large cats and crocodile being the only real threat to them.
6	Due to high <b>pollution</b> rates and habitat loss, the honeybee is in rapid decline and is an endangered species.
7	The blue whale is an enormous species of whale found in oceans <b>worldwide</b> .
8	Human activity has also played its part in <b>disrupting</b> their survival.

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# FIND AND COPY

Requires pupils to locate information by skimming and scanning. Then locating words based on meanings or suggested synonyms.

**Find and copy the words for the suggested meaning.**

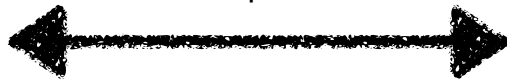
1	Look at the first paragraph. <b>Find and copy</b> a word that means the same as an animal's young.
	<b>offspring</b>
2	Look at <b>The Black Rhinoceros</b> . <b>Find and copy</b> the word that is closest in meaning to reasons.
	<b>factors</b>
3	Look at <b>Bornean Orangutan</b> . <b>Find and copy</b> a word that suggests in the past.
	<b>historically</b>
4	Look at <b>Honeybees</b> . <b>Find and copy</b> a word that suggests quick.
	<b>rapid</b>
5	Look at <b>African Penguin</b> . <b>Find and copy</b> a word that means the same as defenceless.
	<b>vulnerable</b>

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# SEQUENCING

Sequencing requires pupils to put events/information in chronological or other specific order.

**FIRST**



**LAST**

**Draw a line to identify the order in which these events occur.**

1st	Honeybees put on the endangered list.
2nd	Endangered Species Act started
3rd	Western Black Rhino declared extinct.
4th	The slaughter of 360,000 blue whales started.
5th	140,00 African Penguins left.

*Note: Red arrows in the original image connect 1st to 4th, 2nd to 3rd, 3rd to 2nd, 4th to 1st, and 5th to 5th.*

**Ninja Tip:**

Find these facts in the text! Then put numbers next to them in the order that they happen!

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE

Multiple choice requires pupils to choose from a range of options. They must refer back to the text to find the key information.

1. Animals close to extinction are deemed to be: (Circle one answer)

predators
  species
  endangered
  durable

2. Black rhino's horns are made of: (Circle the answer)

roots
  finger nails
  branches
  keratin

3. The Bornean Orangutang's major predators used to be: (Circle one answer)

bears
  tigers
  rhinos
  crocodiles

4. Bears are a major predator of: (Circle the answer)

honeybees
  birds
  small mammals
  reptiles

5. African Penguins nest : (Circle the answer)

at the South Pole
  in the jungle
  near mountains
  in the ocean

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