A. Read the story.

The Missing Rhino

Peter could not keep still as his father parked the car in the parking lot of the Toronto Zoo. This was the day that Peter's family would visit the African Savanna.

The family followed some large footprints to the African animal area. Peter spotted four zebras munching on the hay. In the distance, a giraffe used its long neck to reach the leaves on the treetops. The family continued to the next exhibit. There, sleeping under a tree, was a spotted cheetah. Peter learned at school that the cheetah is the fastest land mammal in the world.

Peter loved seeing all the animals, but his favourite was next. It was the rhinoceros. Each year, Peter would come to visit Rodney the Rhino.

As Peter went closer to Rodney's area, he knew that something was wrong. Rodney's cage was empty. There was a sign in large bold letters. It said, **"Rodney the Rhino Is Missing."** Peter was shocked. How could a rhino go missing?

B. **Answer the questions. Then design a "missing" poster for Rodney. Draw a picture of him and describe how he looks.**

1. Why was Peter excited?

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2. What did the family follow to get to the African Savanna?

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3. What did Peter learn at school about the cheetah?

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4. Which animal was Peter's favourite?

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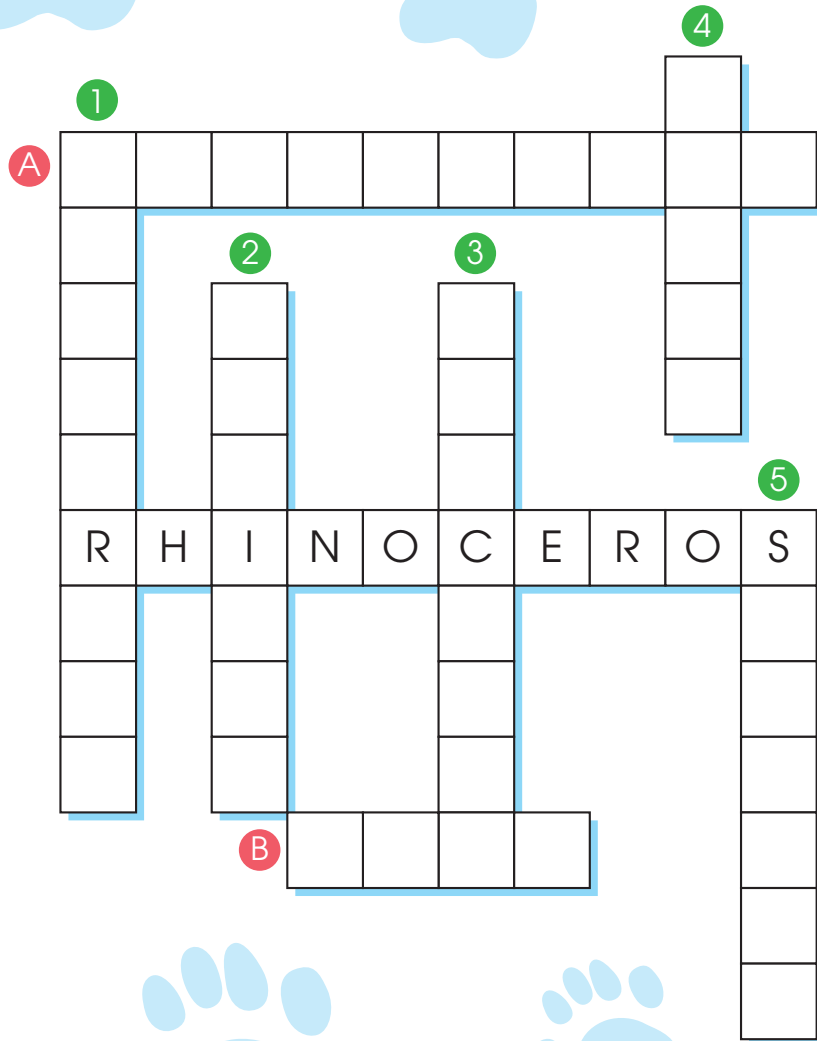
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MISSING

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Reward: _____

C. Complete the crossword puzzle with words from the story.

1. something you like very much
2. something on display
3. eating
4. without moving
5. very surprised

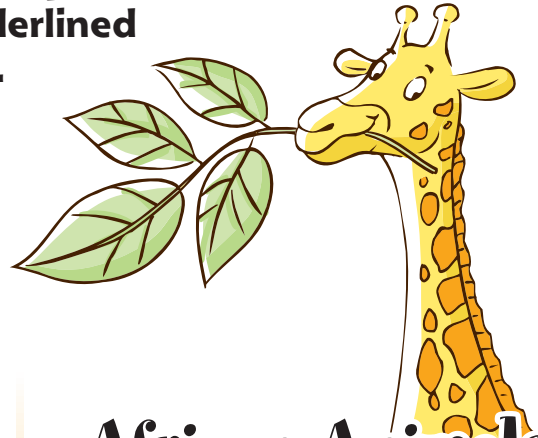A. marks left by animals
B. where an animal is locked up

R H I N O C E R O S

D. Circle the more suitable adjectives to complete the sentence. Then place the underlined African animals in alphabetical order.

1. The **tall / chubby** <u>giraffe</u> ate the **pink / green** leaves in the trees.

2. The <u>antelope</u> had **pointy / soft** horns on its head.

3. The **striped / spotted** <u>zebra</u> munched on the hay.

4. The **striped / spotted** <u>cheetah</u> slept under a tree.

5. The **grey / blue** <u>elephant</u> had **small / huge** feet.

6. The **sad / silly** <u>monkey</u> hung from its tail.

7. The **furry / hairless** <u>leopard</u> is chasing the **yellow / black** <u>gorilla</u>.

African Animals
(in alphabetical order)

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