

Ronald the Rhino

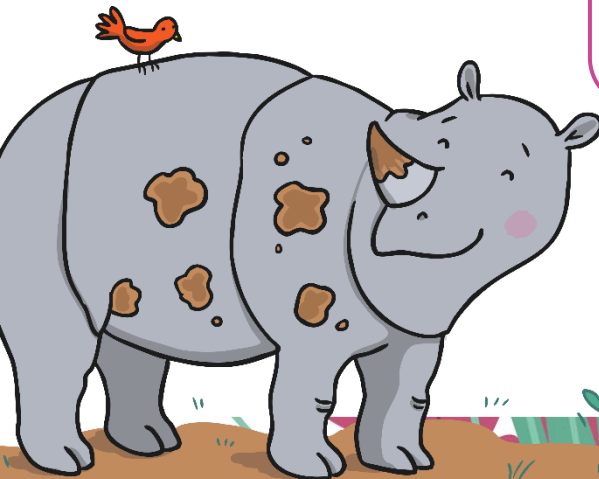
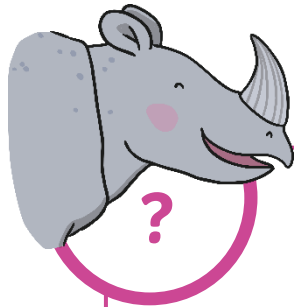
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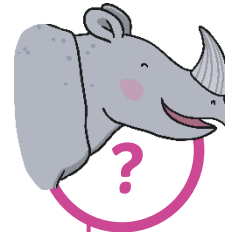
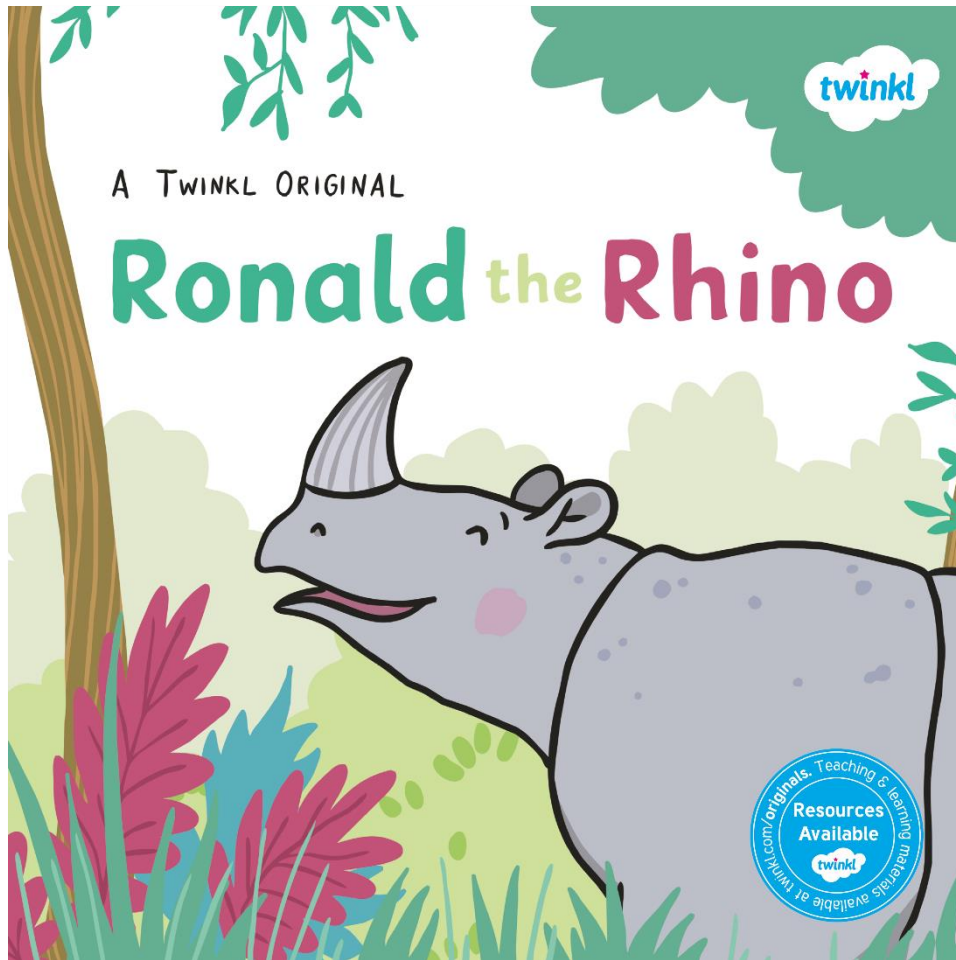




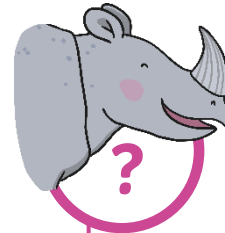
Read the book 'Ronald the Rhino' and look at the illustrations.

To see a question about the book, click this button:

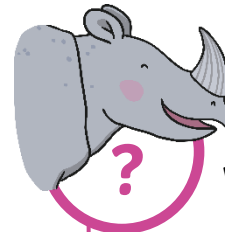




Do you think this book is fiction or non-fiction?



Do you know what a rhino is?



Where might this story be set?



Meet the wiggliest, jiggiest rhino in the forest!

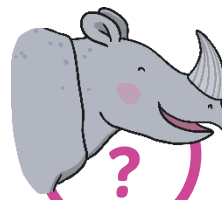
"Ronald the Rhino is so big and strong.
In the Javan forest is where he belongs."

Follow Ronald on his journey of discovery
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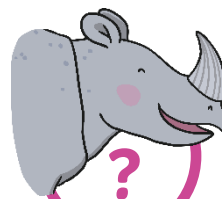


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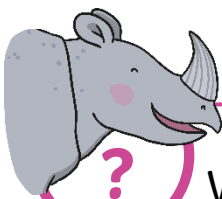
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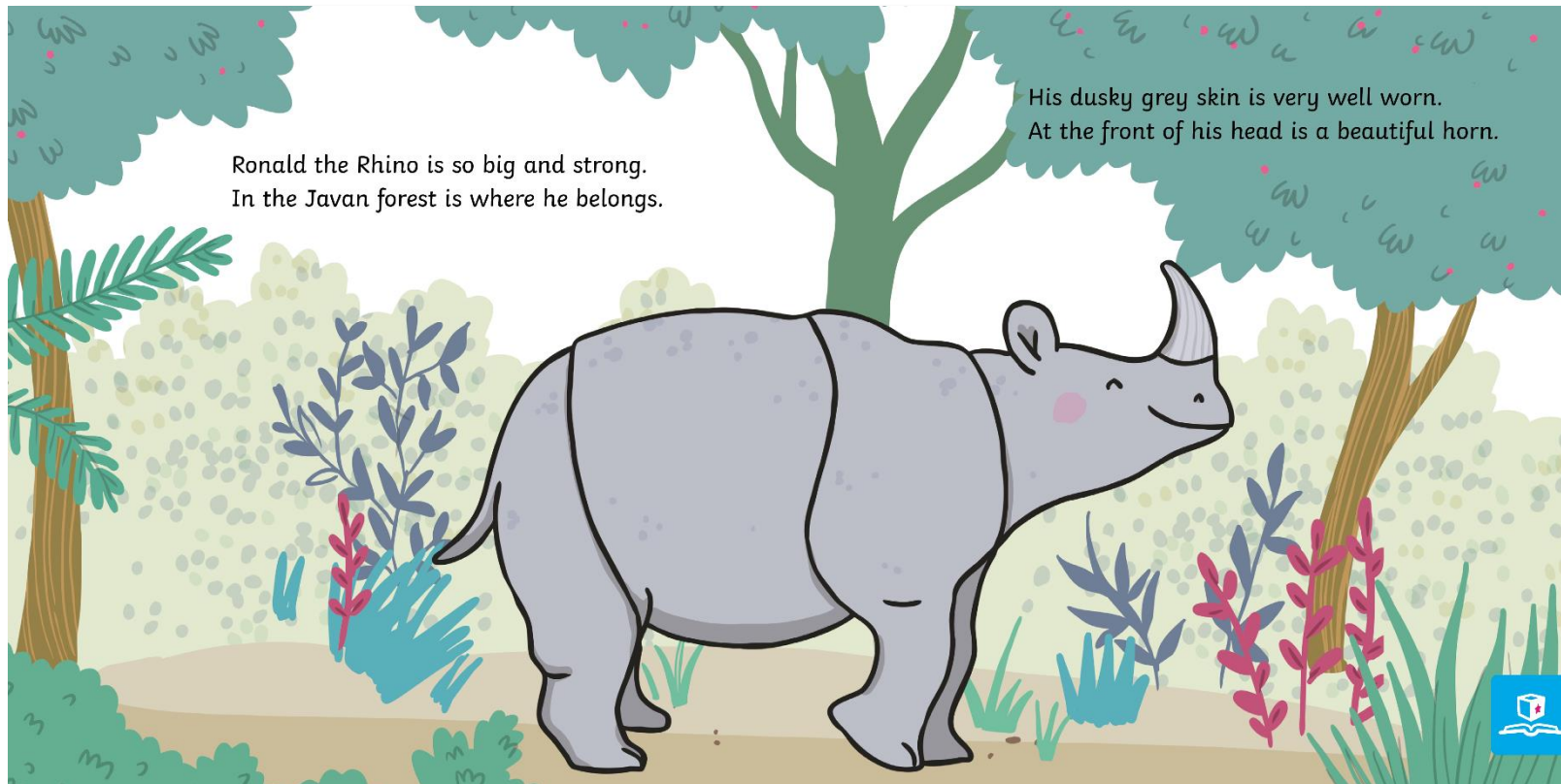
Who can you spot on the back cover? What might these two characters do in this book?



What does the blurb tell us about Ronald?

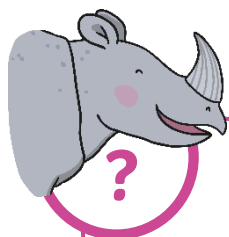


What is 'uniqueness'?

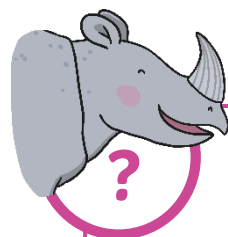


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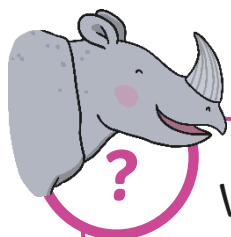
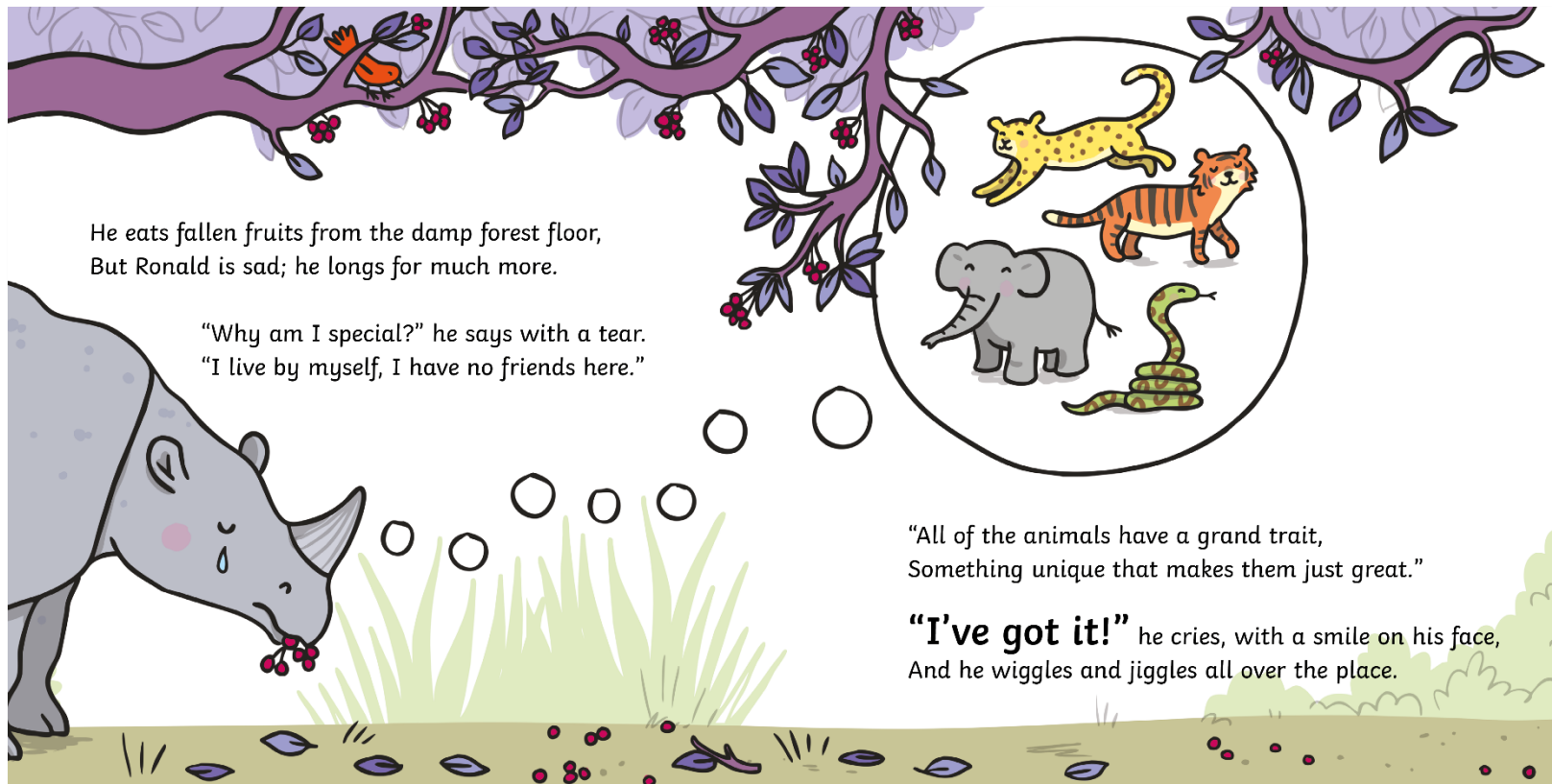
His dusky grey skin is very well worn.
At the front of his head is a beautiful horn.



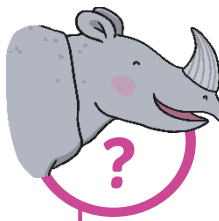
Where does Ronald live?



Do you notice anything about the way this story is written?



What is making Ronald
sad?



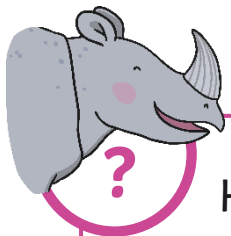
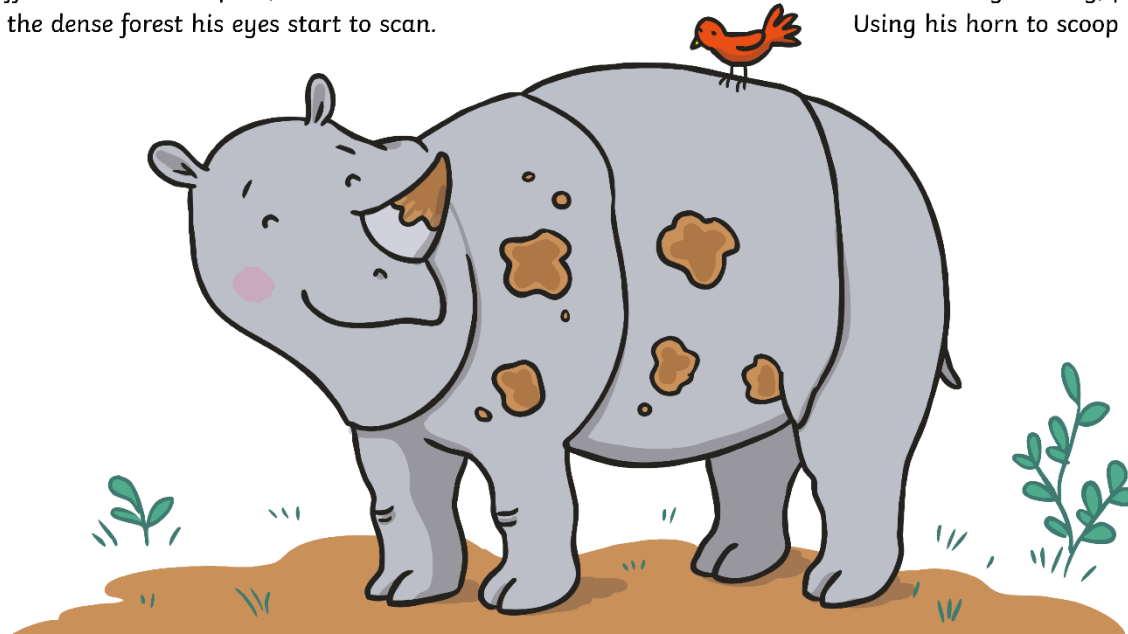
What is a 'trait'?

"I'll be a leopard with beautiful spots,
All yellowish fur and dark brownish dots."

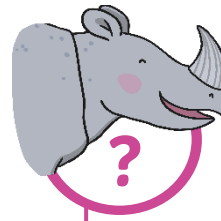
Ronald sets off to hatch out his plan,
And through the dense forest his eyes start to scan.

He soon finds some mud, all sticky and wet.
"Great!" Ronald says, "I'll have my spots yet!"

He starts right away, painting on patches,
Using his horn to scoop mud up in batches.



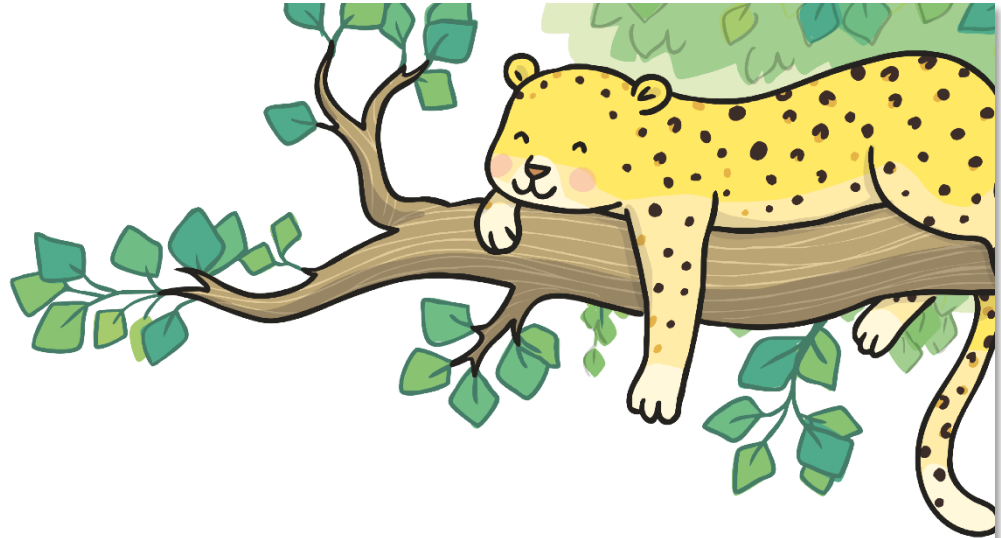
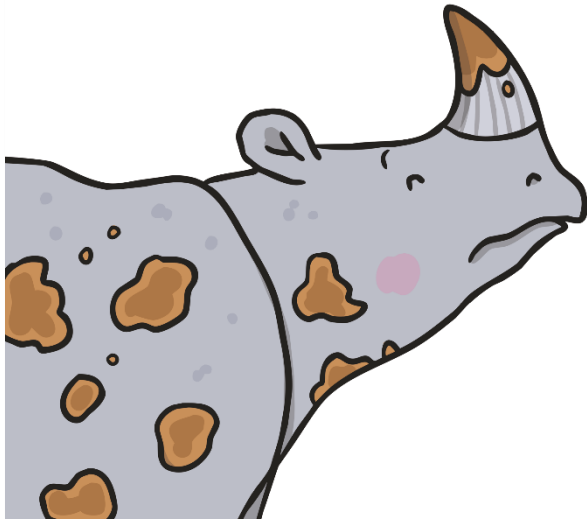
How does Ronald
describe the leopard?



Why is Ronald putting
mud on his body?

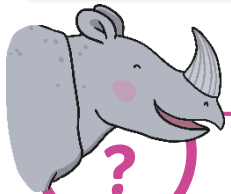
As soon as he's finished, he admires his work,
But high in the trees, Leopard does lurk.

"What are you doing?" Leopard asks with a grin.
"You've mud in great patches all over your skin!"

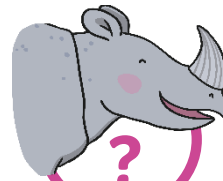


"I want to be like you, with spots on my face,
To sleep in a tree; to run, leap and race!"

"You can't be a leopard, you're too big and grey.
You're a Javan rhino in every way!"



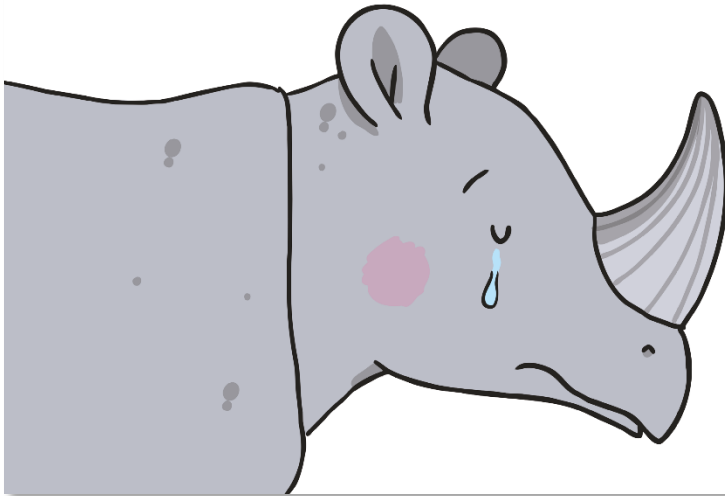
What does 'lurk' mean?



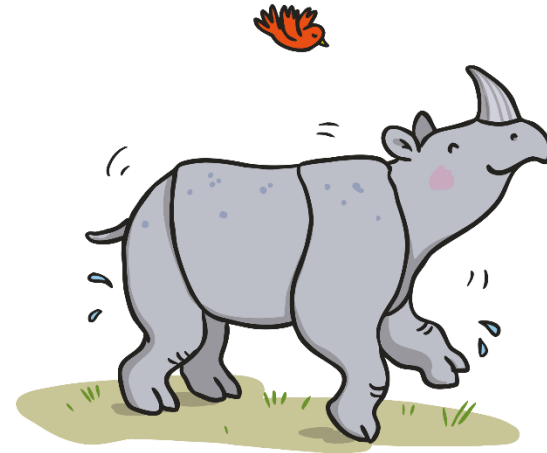
Does Leopard think that
Ronald looks like a
leopard?

Ronald looks sad, unsure what to do.
He lets out a sigh; he's feeling so blue.

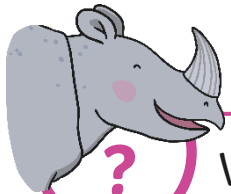
"Why am I special?" he says with a tear.
"I live by myself, I have no friends here."



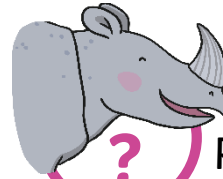
"All of the animals have a grand trait.
Leopard has spots that make him just great."



"I've got it!" he cries, with a smile on his face,
And he wiggles and jiggles all over the place.



Which words in the text tell us that Ronald is not happy?



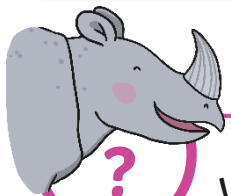
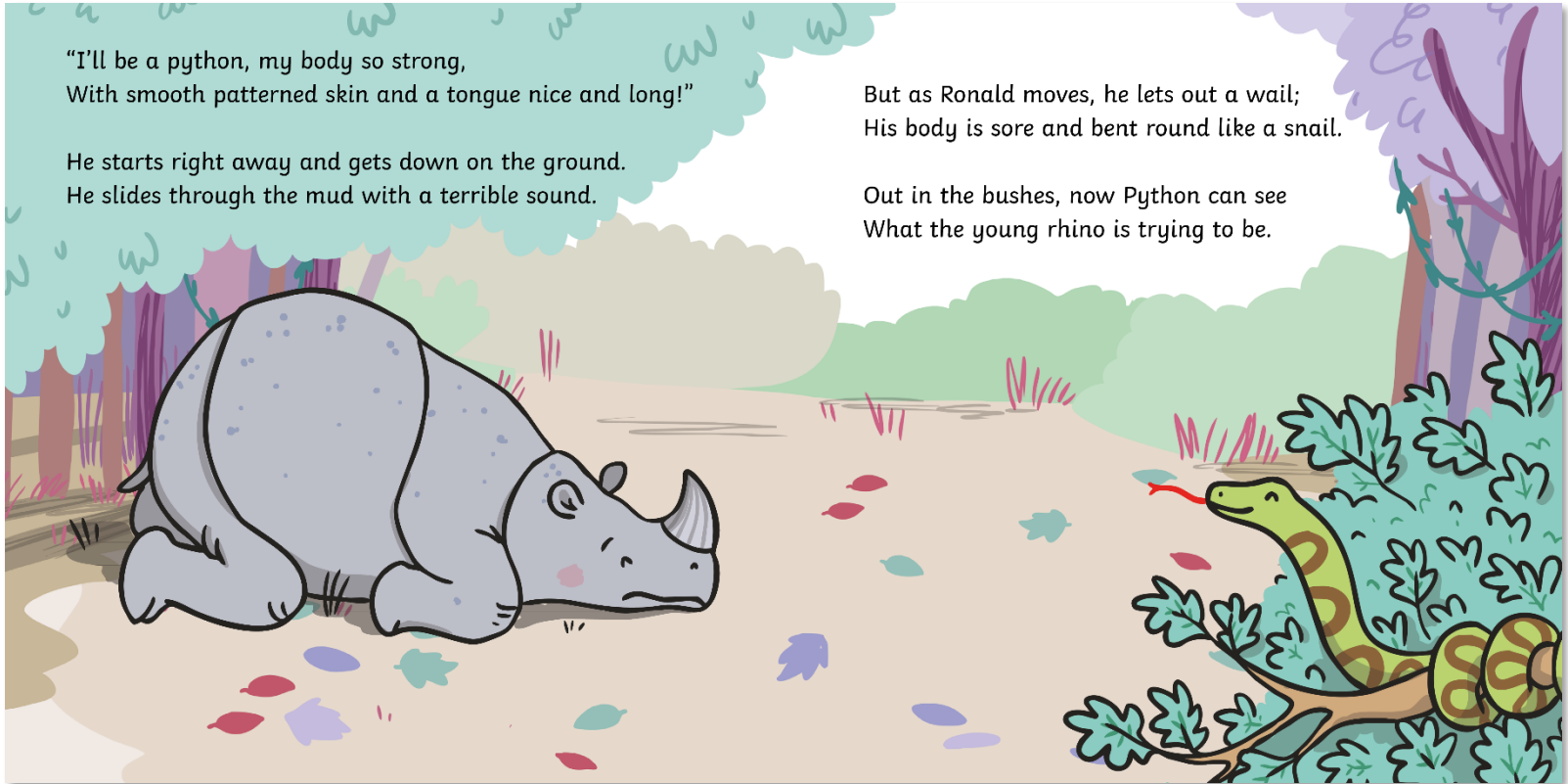
Ronald has thought of something else to try. What might he be planning?

"I'll be a python, my body so strong,
With smooth patterned skin and a tongue nice and long!"

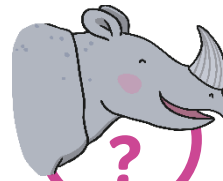
He starts right away and gets down on the ground.
He slides through the mud with a terrible sound.

But as Ronald moves, he lets out a wail;
His body is sore and bent round like a snail.

Out in the bushes, now Python can see
What the young rhino is trying to be.

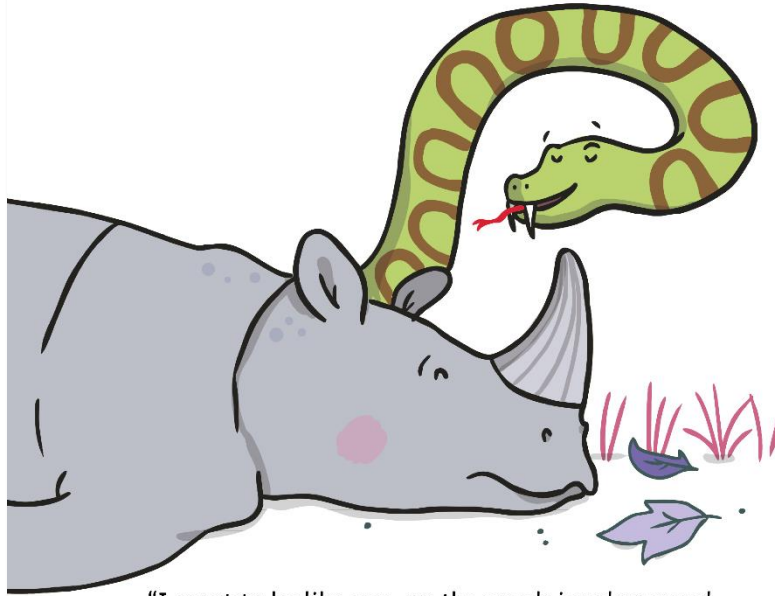


Why is Ronald sliding
around on the ground?

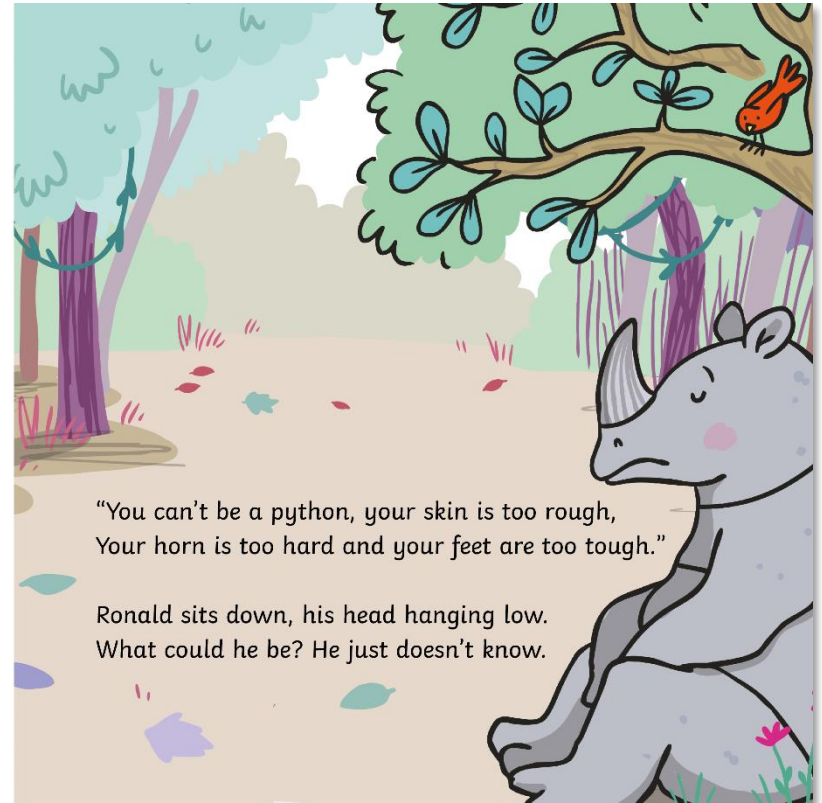


Can you predict what
Python might say to
Ronald?

"Why are you moving around like a snake?
Your back is all bent; I saw your legs shake!"

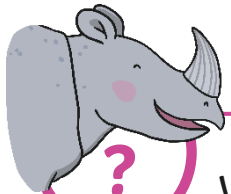


"I want to be like you, on the rough jungle ground,
Slowly and smoothly sliding around."

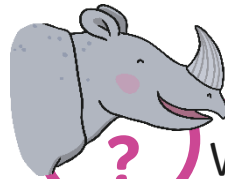


"You can't be a python, your skin is too rough,
Your horn is too hard and your feet are too tough."

Ronald sits down, his head hanging low.
What could he be? He just doesn't know.



Which words on this
page rhyme?



Which three reasons does
Python give for why Ronald
can't be a python?

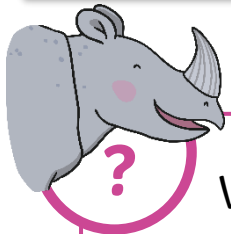
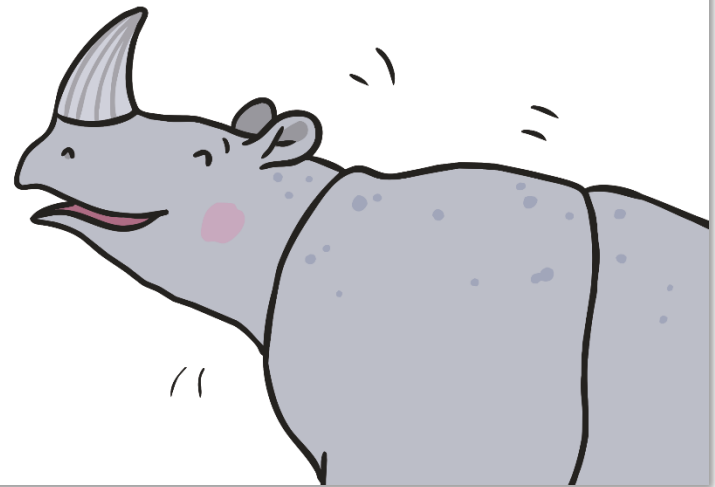


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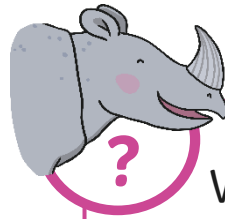
All of the animals have a grand trait.
Python slides smoothly, which makes him just great."

Leopard and Python see Ronald so glum,
So they cook up a plan to cheer up their chum.

"We've got it!" they say, looking down at his face.
Ronald wiggles and jiggles all over the place.

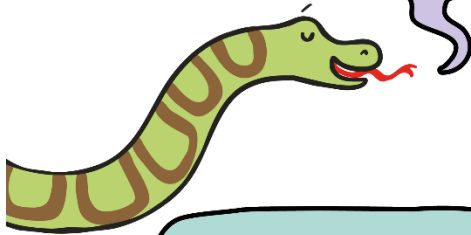


Why does Ronald think
that Python is great?



Which word on this page
means the same as 'friend'?

His skin is tough and looks like great armour.
His eyes sparkle brightly – he’s a real charmer!

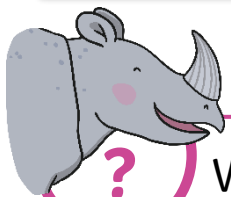
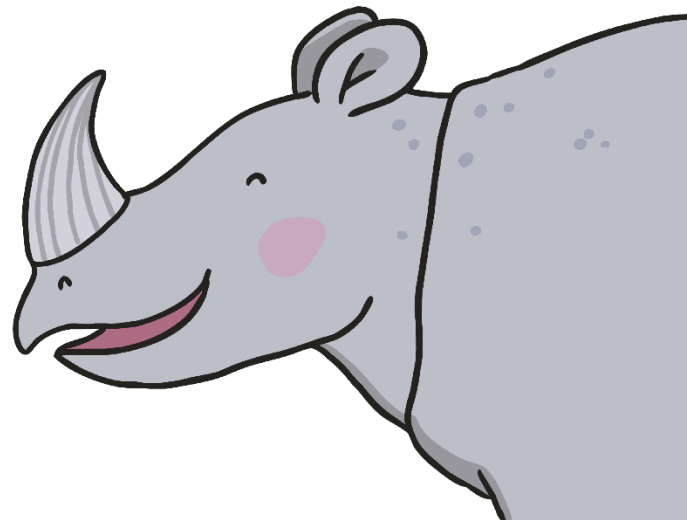


His legs are so strong and his horn is the best.
The animals love him, as you may have guessed.

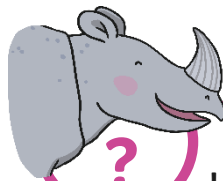


“I want to be like him!” Ronald cries out,
His eyes shining bright as his feet dance about.

So into the forest they set off to find
This mystery animal that might change his mind.



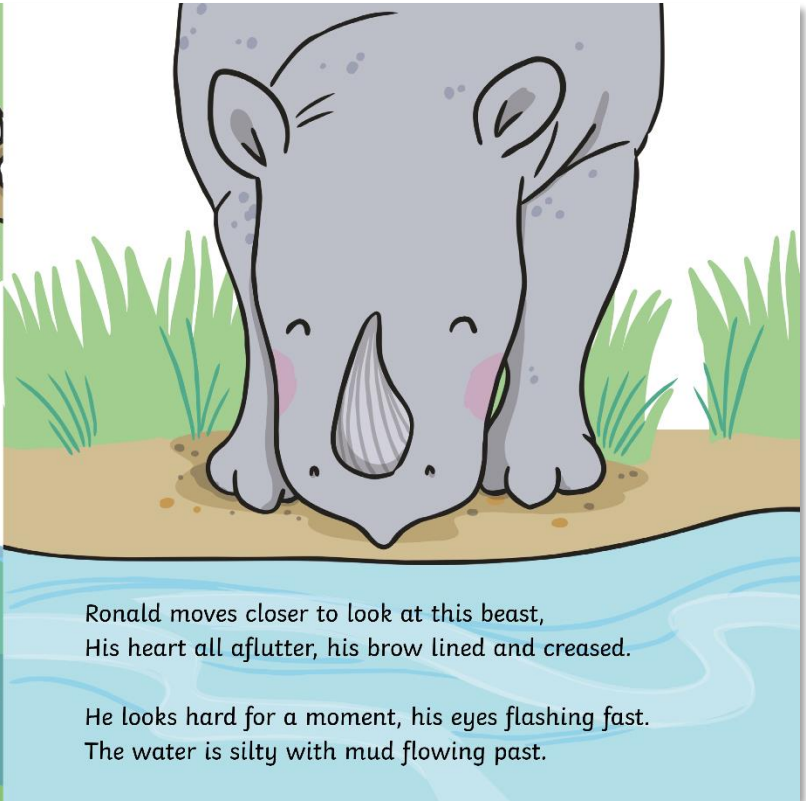
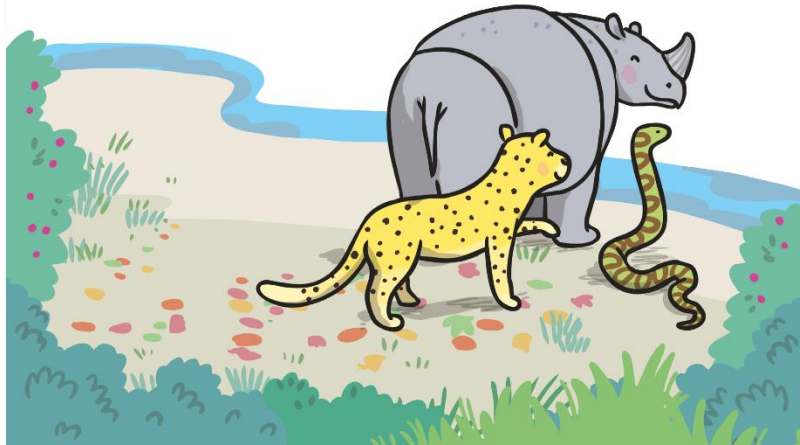
Which animal do you
think Python and
Leopard are describing?



How do you think Ronald
feels? How do you know?

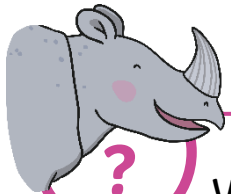
They come to a clearing, with few trees around,
With a beautiful stream; no one to be found.

Leopard says with a smile, "He lives just down there."
Across the wet ground, he approaches with care.

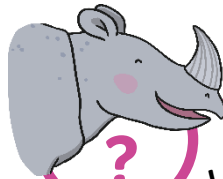


Ronald moves closer to look at this beast,
His heart all aflutter, his brow lined and creased.

He looks hard for a moment, his eyes flashing fast.
The water is silty with mud flowing past.



Which animal could
be in the stream?



What do you think 'heart
all aflutter' means?

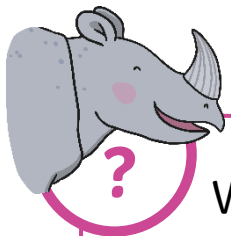
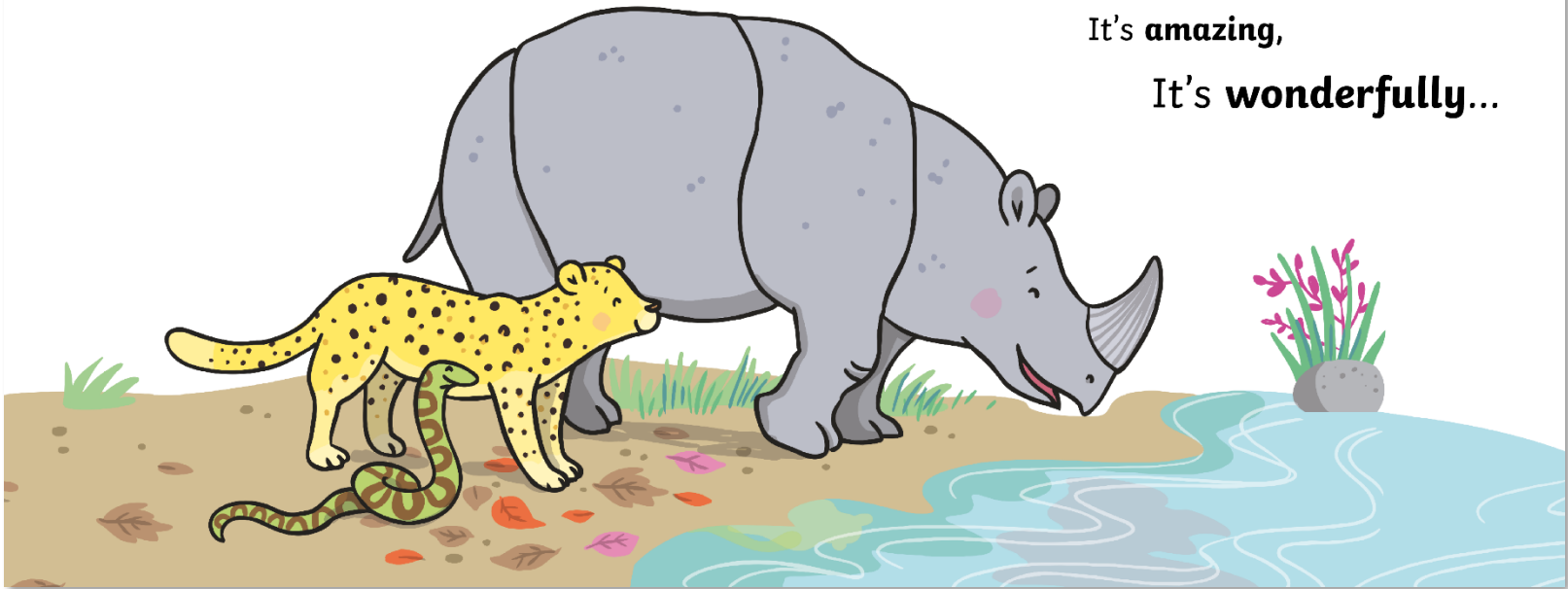
He stops as he sees it and then gasps out loud.
Leopard and Python could cry, they're so proud.

He grins at the animal that he can see,

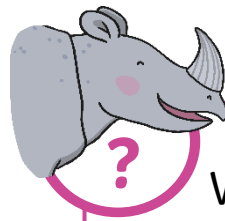
"By golly,

It's **amazing**,

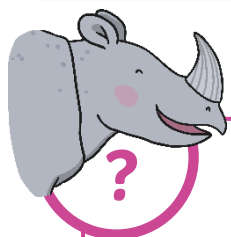
It's **wonderfully...**



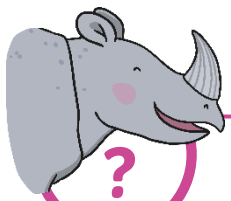
Why are Leopard and Python proud?



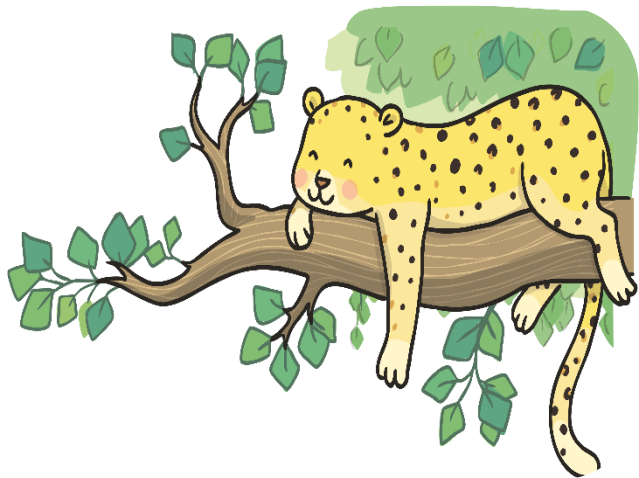
What has Ronald realised?



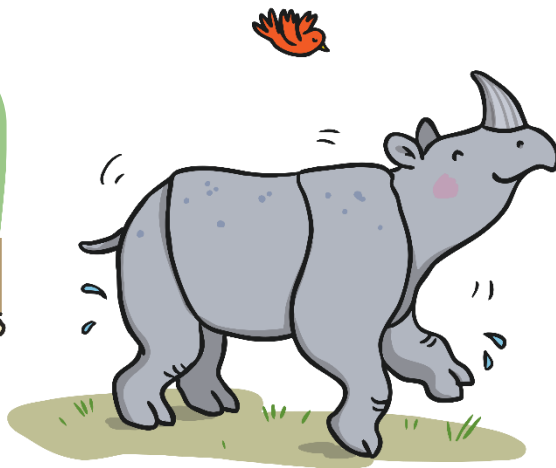
Why do you think Leopard and Python brought Ronald to the stream?



Who is the main character in this story?



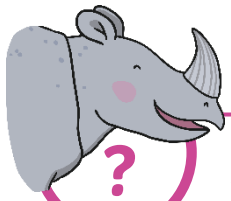
Leopard



Ronald



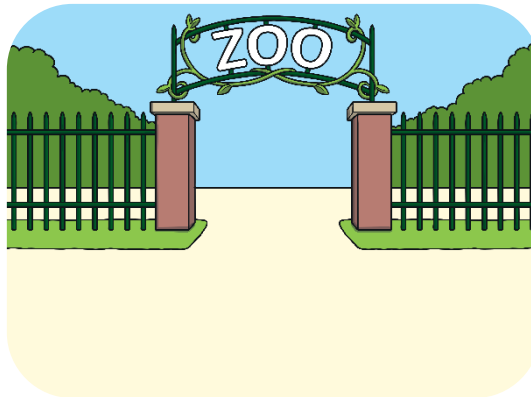
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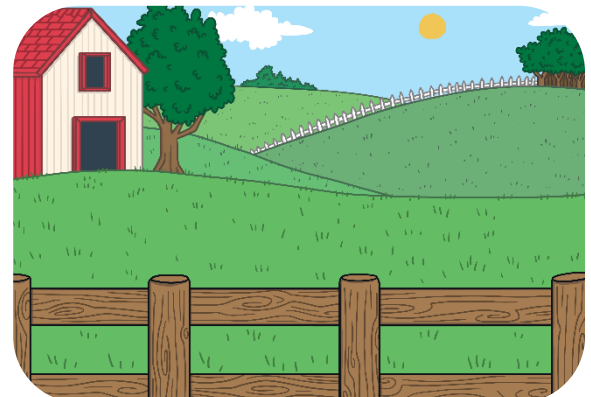
What is the setting in this story?



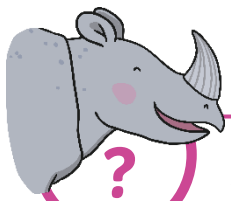
a forest



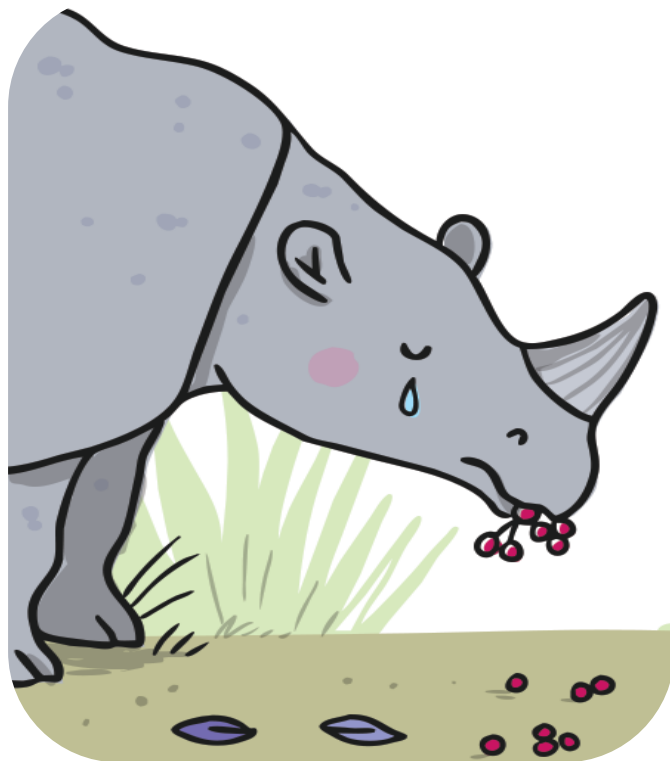
a zoo

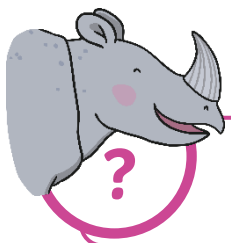


a farm

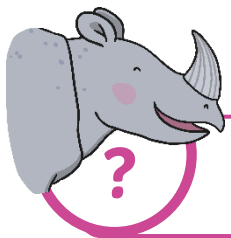
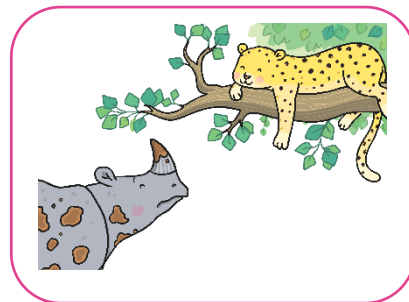
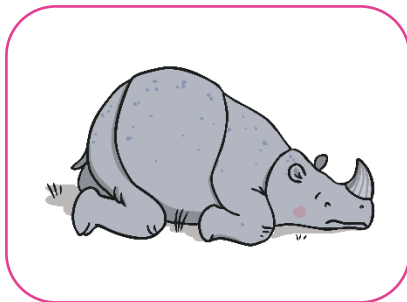
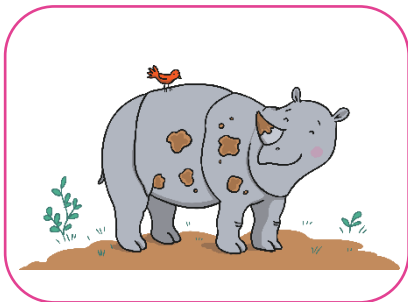
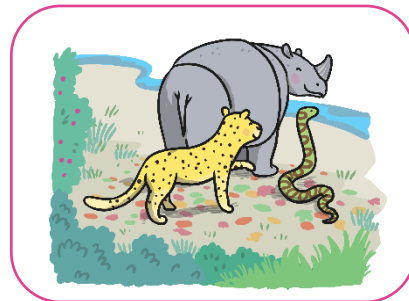
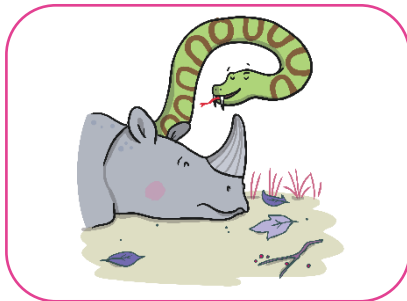
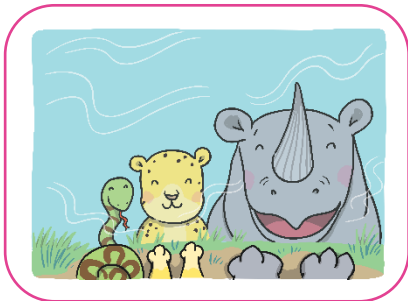


What is the problem in this story?

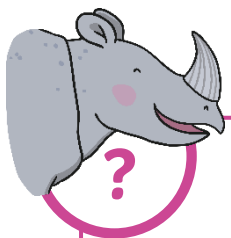




Which of these events happens first?

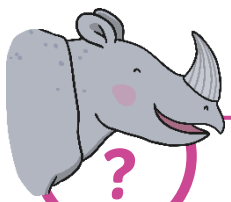


Which happens last?

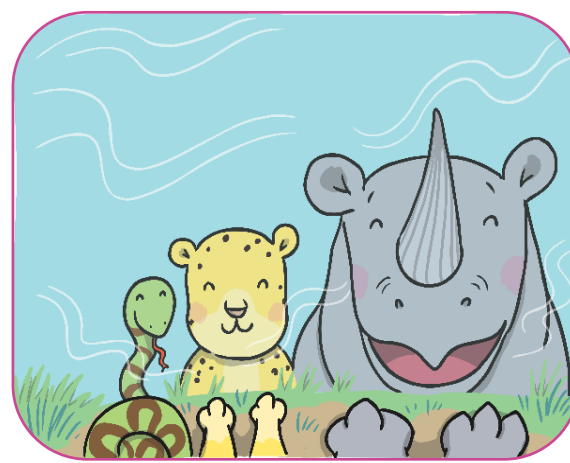
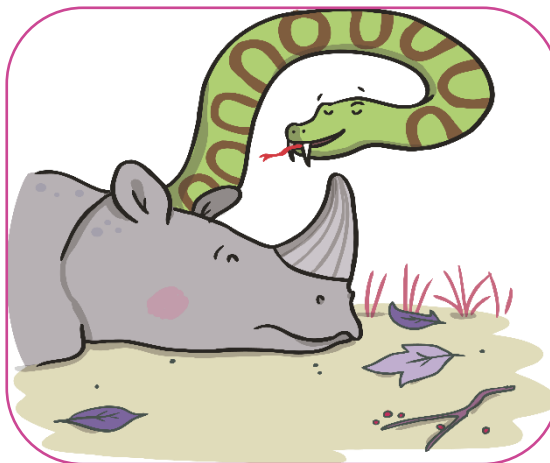
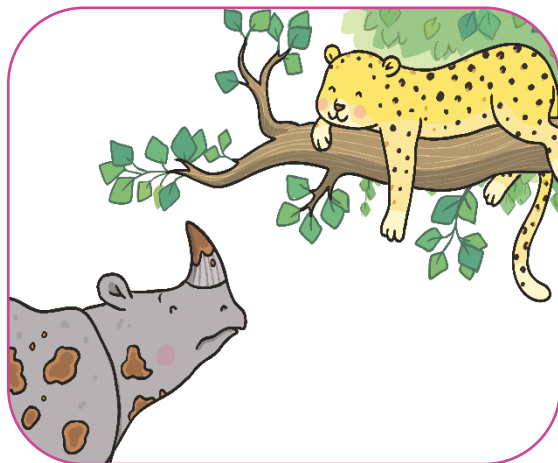


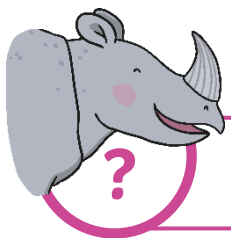
The blurb tells us that this story is a 'journey of discovery'.
What does Ronald discover?



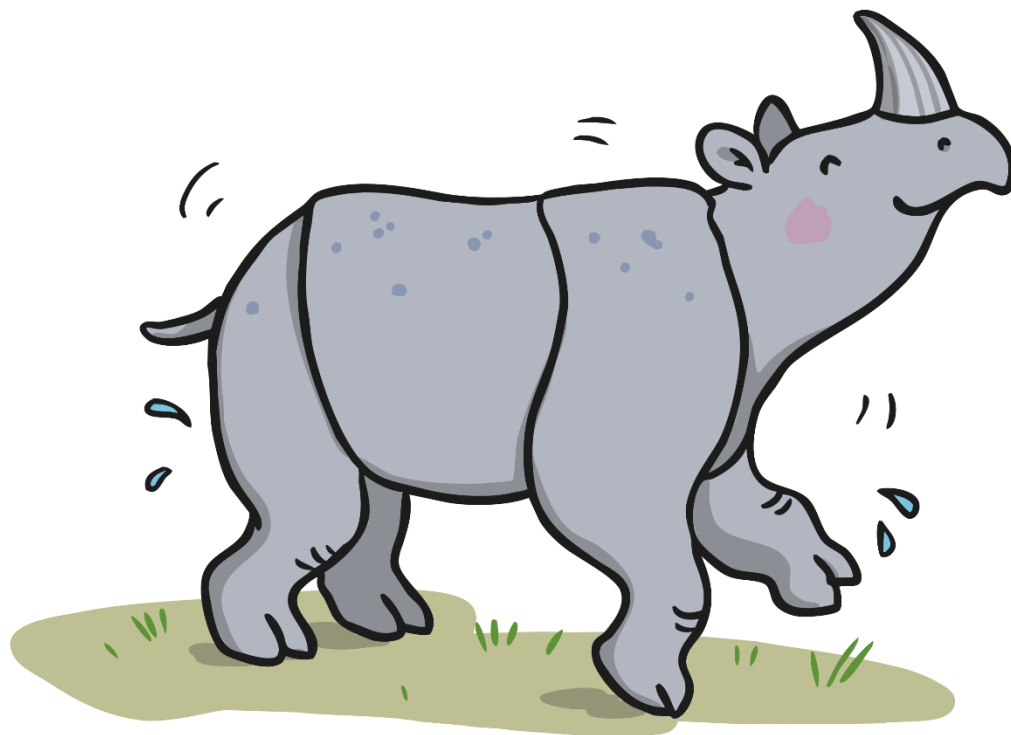


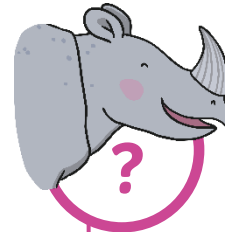
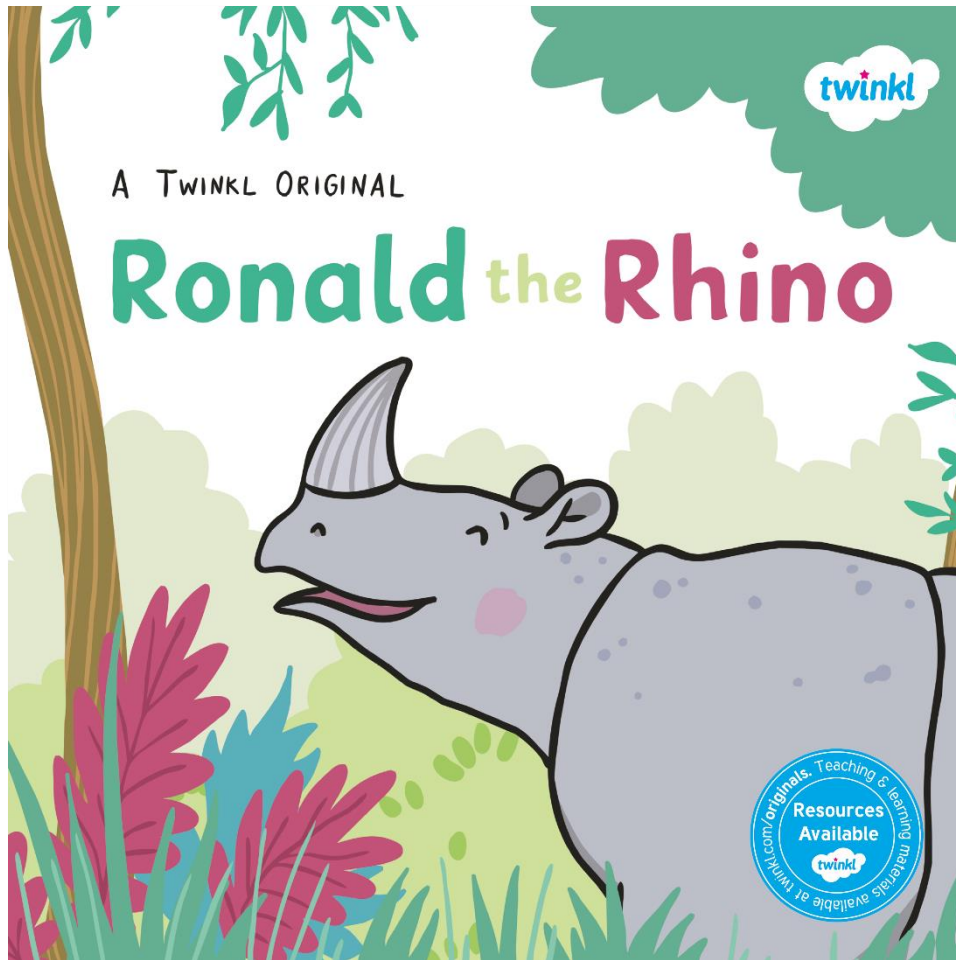
At the start of the story, Ronald wants to be like other animals. How does this change?



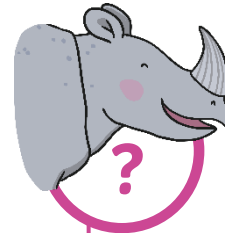


You are unique too! What makes you, you?

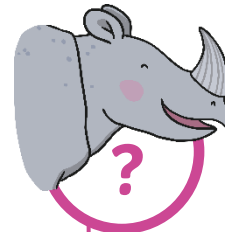




What was your favourite part of the story?



What was the message in this story?



What would you score this book out of 10?

