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Part I: Listen to the news item below being read out and fill in the missing words.

**Sotheby; latest auction house to end rhino horn sales**



Sotheby's on Saturday became the latest international auction house to end the sale of rhino horn artifacts, withdrawing antique lots from an upcoming event in Hong Kong following an (1) \_\_\_\_\_ from environmental groups.

The auction house had been due to put three lots of rhinoceros horn *under the hammer* at a sale next week.

"Sotheby's deplors any (2) \_\_\_\_\_ **slaughter** and trading of endangered wildlife, and strongly supports conservation efforts from the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ community," Nicolas Chow, chairman of Sotheby's Asia confirmed in a statement.

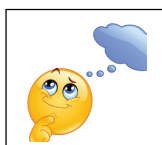
The decision comes after Bonhams cancelled its sale in HongKong following **mounting** (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The decision came after thirty-seven wildlife conservation organizations including WildAid wrote to the company demanding it cancel the **auction** and stop future sales. An online (5) \_\_\_\_\_ describing the Bonhams sale as **unethical** had been signed by more than 10,000 people.

Environmental groups warned even a small uptick in demand for trading in antique rhino horns would push rhinos closer to (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

South Africa, which is home to about 80 percent of the world rhino population, has been hit hardest by **poachers**. More than 7,100 animals have been killed over the past decade.

Rhino horns are highly coveted in Asia, where they have fetched up to \$60,000 per kilogram.

**Thinking corner:**



Article adapted from Coconuts, Hong Kong dated Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

\*Do you believe in helping to protect endangered species? If yes, why?

\* Name an species under threat in Hong Kong: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Name at least 3 reasons as to why this animal is endangered?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II: Fill in the missing part of the headlines below or answer the questions about headline news items.**

1. 10 pedestrians lift minibus to save 4-year-old girl \_\_\_\_\_ underneath

2. 31 dead in Ugandan boat accident, \_\_\_\_\_ expected to rise



Which continent is Uganda in? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Which country in Europe has had protests about rising fuel costs? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Which country near Hong Kong has rejected making same-sex marriages legal?

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**Part III: Who's who? Name the faces or 'things'**

<p><b>1</b></p> 	<p><b>2</b></p> 
<p>This figure went viral earlier this month.</p> <p>(a) Who or what is it?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>—</p> <p>(b) Which department in Hong Kong does it represent?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>—</p>	<p>(a) Who is this woman?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(b) Which country is she a leader of?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(c) What topic could she possibly be talking about?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>—</p>

**Part III: Vocabulary and understanding meaning:** Match the meaning and/or synonym (words with a similar or the same meaning) to the words which have been taken from the news items this month.

Column A: Word from news	Letter	Column B: Meaning or synonym
1. slaughter (v)		A: Grow larger or more numerous.
2. mount (v)		B: A public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder/to sell to the highest bidder
3. auction (verb/noun)		C: A person who hunts or catches game (wild animals) or fish and which is against the law

4. unethical (adj)		D: Kill (people or animals) in a cruel or violent way, typically in large numbers.
5. poachers (n)		E: Not morally correct.

***\* Keep your eye on the news!*** 