



Animals: Listening Practice

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Transcript

In the heart of the African savanna, **roams** a massive, prehistoric-looking **mammal** that **commands respect**. Its thick, grey skin carries the **scars** of **countless** battles with **predators** and **rival** males. But what truly **sets the rhinoceros apart** is its single, enormous **horn**.

Composed of the same material as our hair and nails, the horn is **anything but** delicate, rising **threateningly** from the rhino's **snout**. It is neither magical nor **mythical**, yet for centuries, people believed in its **healing** properties, **grinding** it into powders and **potions**. In reality, the horn serves as a weapon, a tool for **digging up** roots, and a status symbol among rhino communities.

The rhinoceros moves with surprising **agility** for its size, its massive **bulk** supported by **sturdy** legs. Its eyes, small and **alert**, **scan** the grasslands for signs of danger. When threatened, it lowers its head, ready **to charge—a force to be reckoned with**.

Amidst the grasses, **songbirds** fly around, their long, fine **beaks probing** for insects. And there, hidden in the shadows, hungry **reptiles look on**, patiently waiting —old masters too, of evolution and survival.

