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Ronald the Rhino

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 – a powerful story about embracing your uniqueness.



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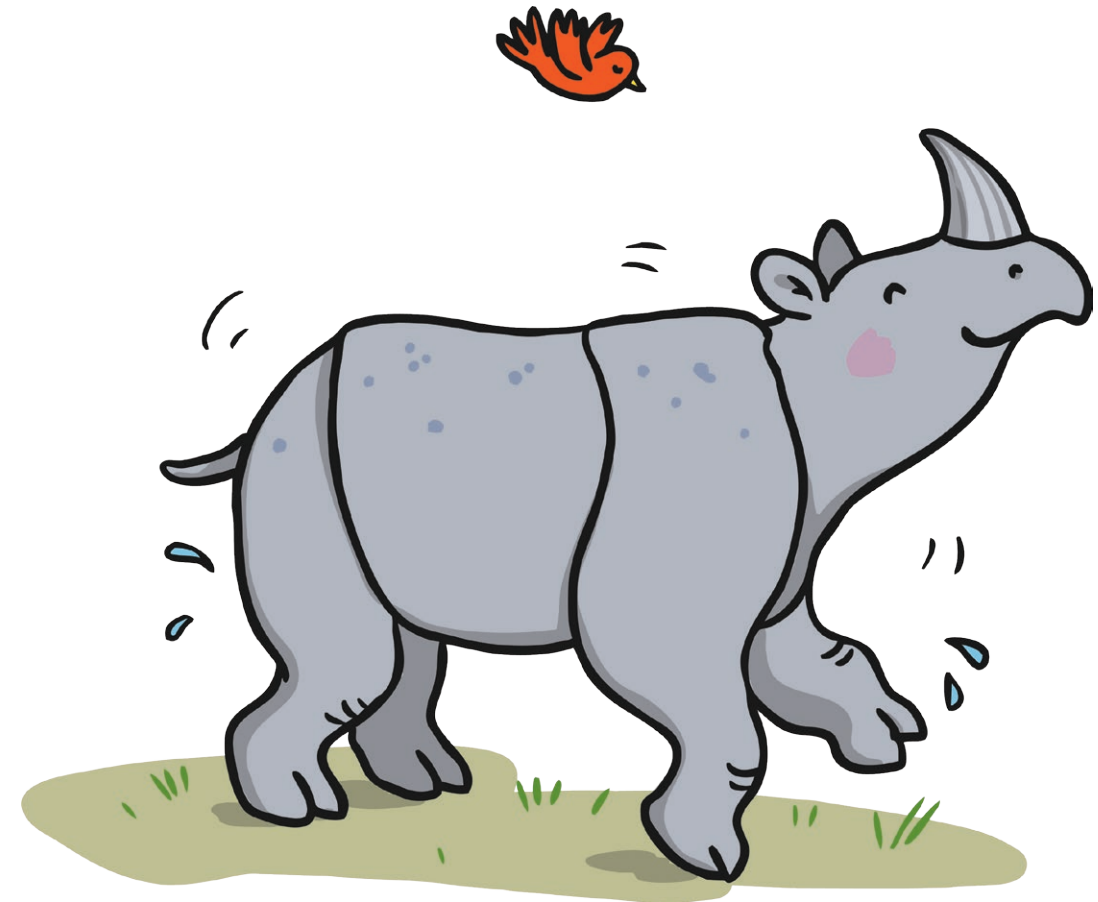
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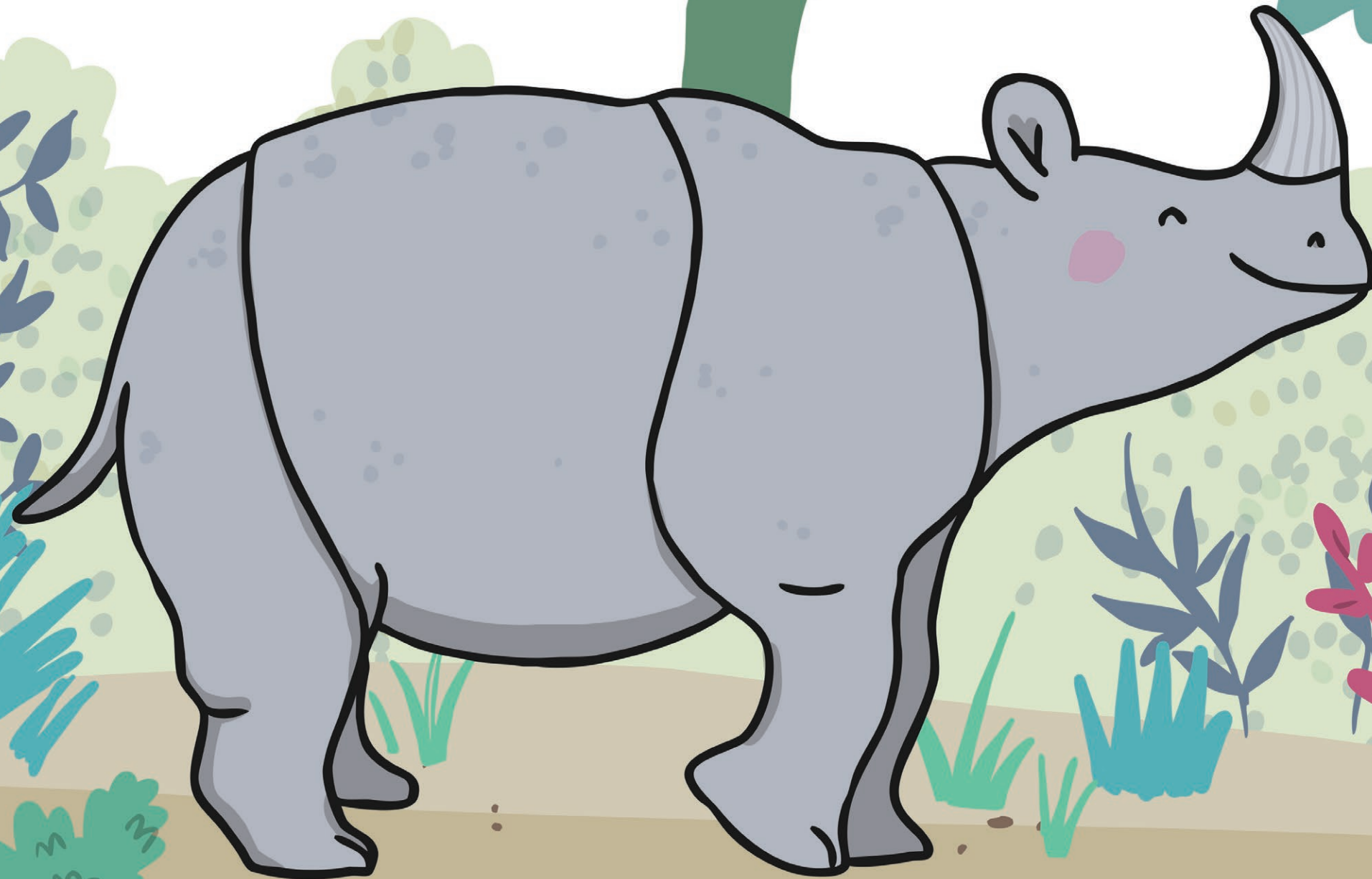
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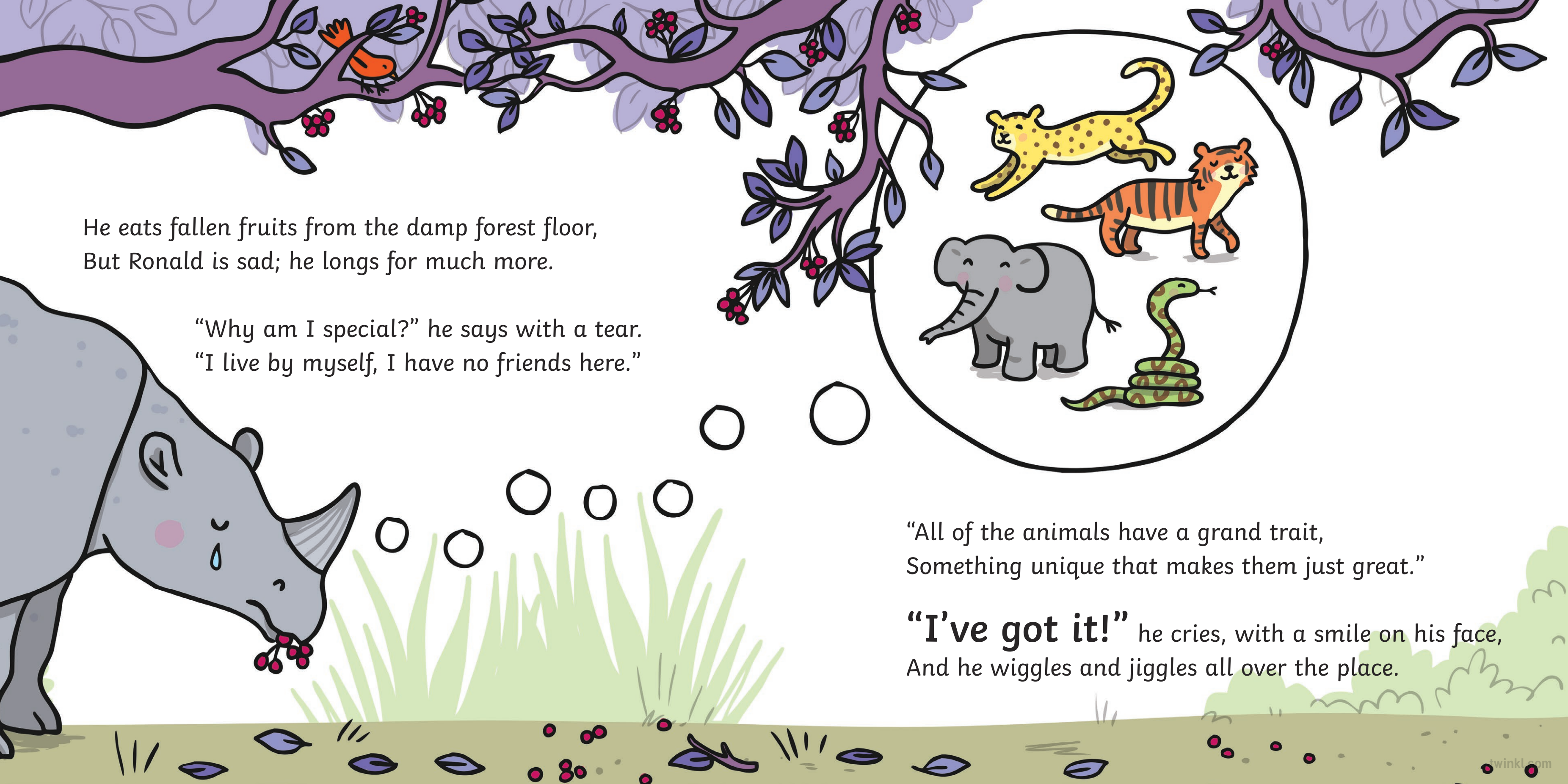


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Ronald the Rhino is so big and strong.
In the Javan forest is where he belongs.

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





He eats fallen fruits from the damp forest floor,
But Ronald is sad; he longs for much more.

“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,
Something unique that makes them just great.”

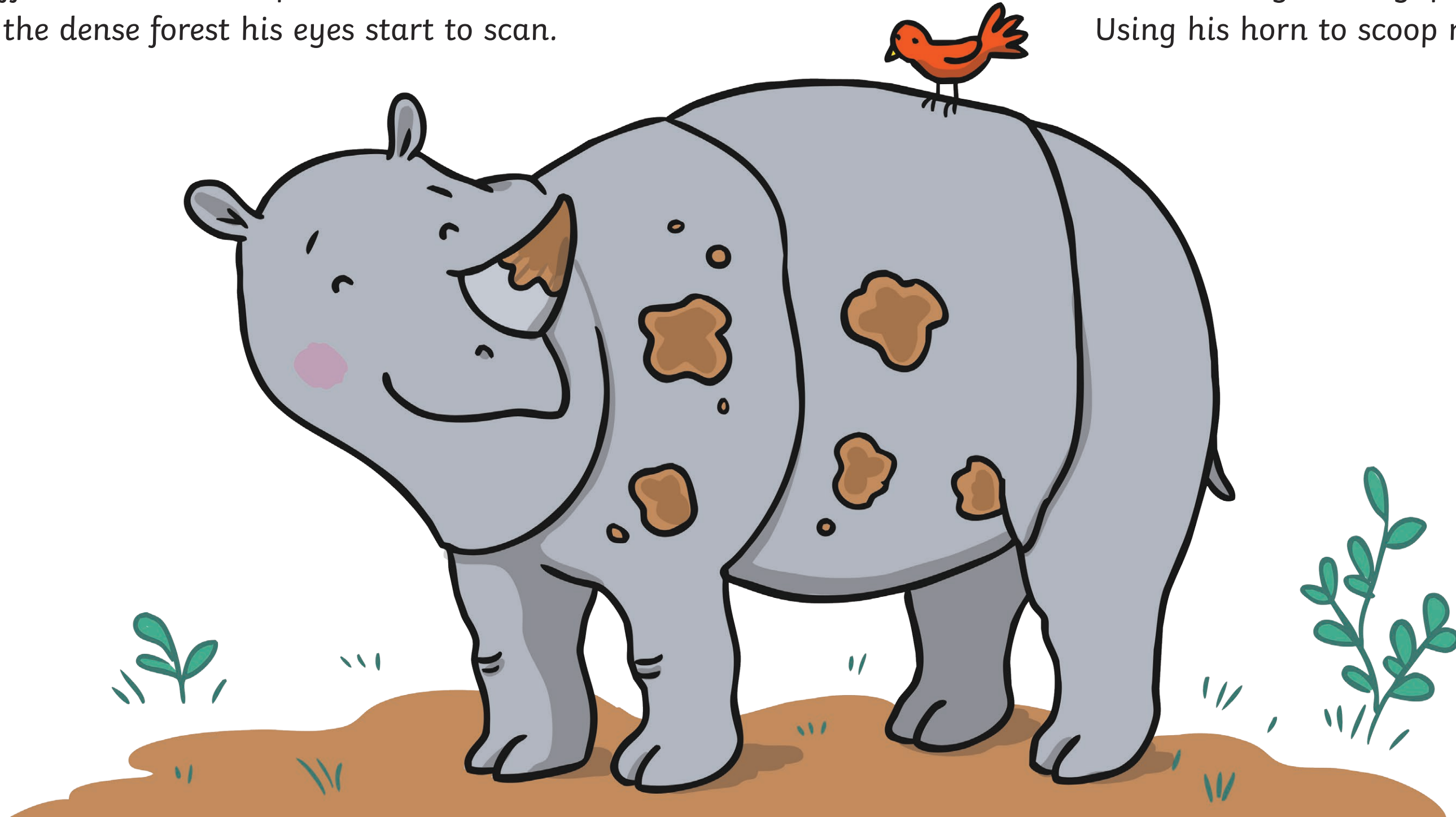
“I’ve got it!” he cries, with a smile on his face,
And he wiggles and jiggles all over the place.

“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.

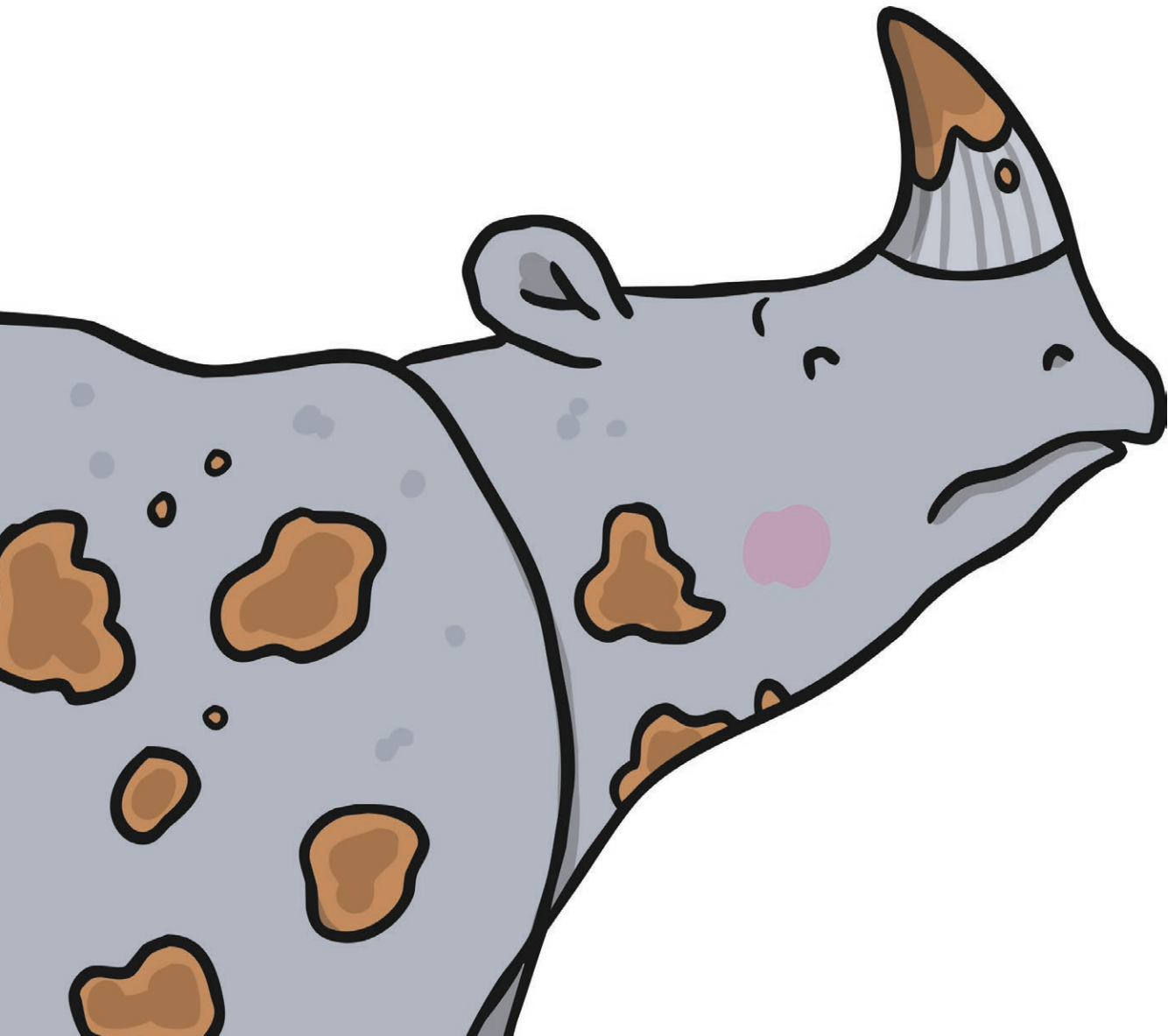
He soon finds some mud, all sticky and wet.
“Great!” Ronald says, “I’ll have my spots yet!”

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



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!"

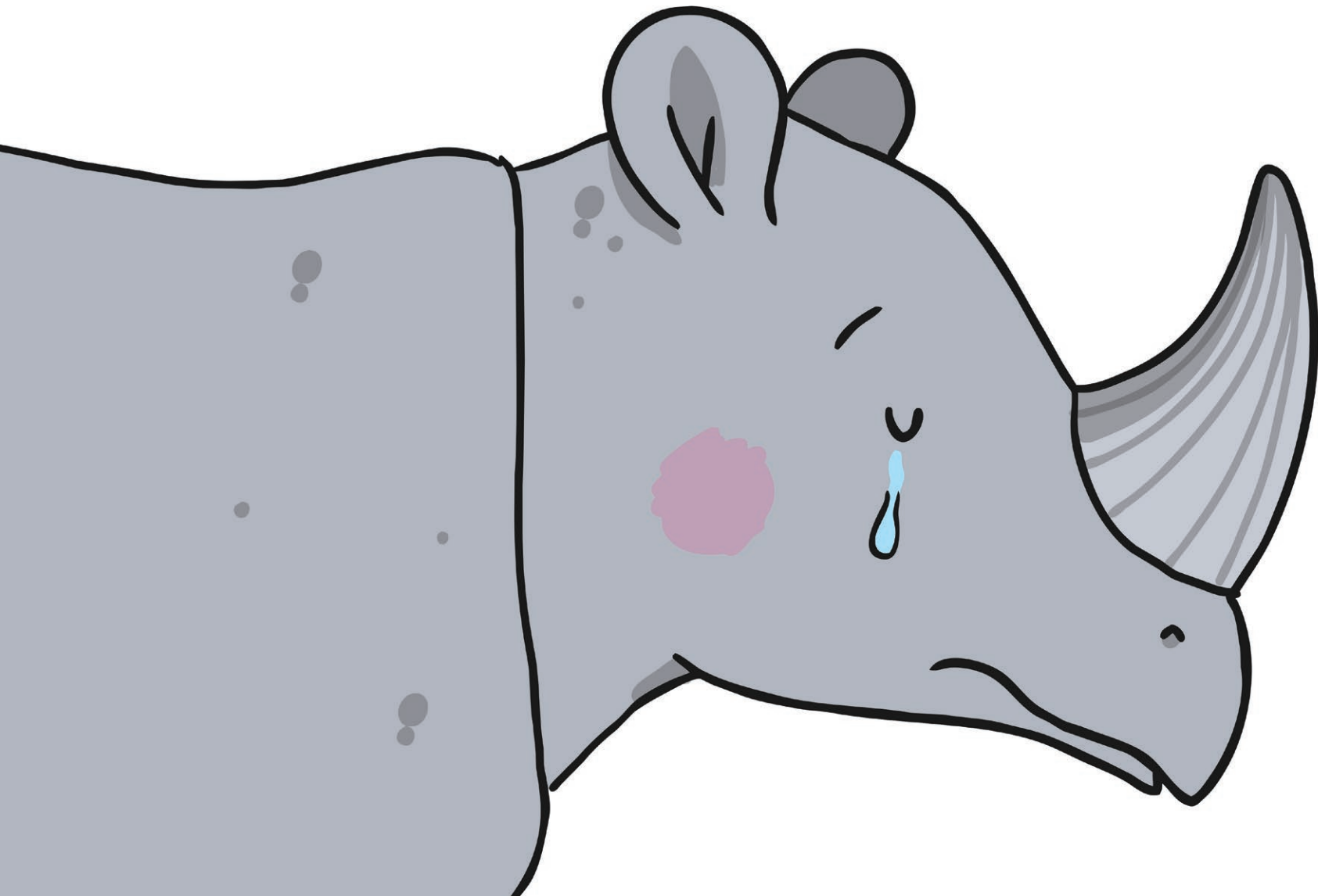


"I want to be like you, with spots on my face,
To sleep in a tree; to run, leap and race!"

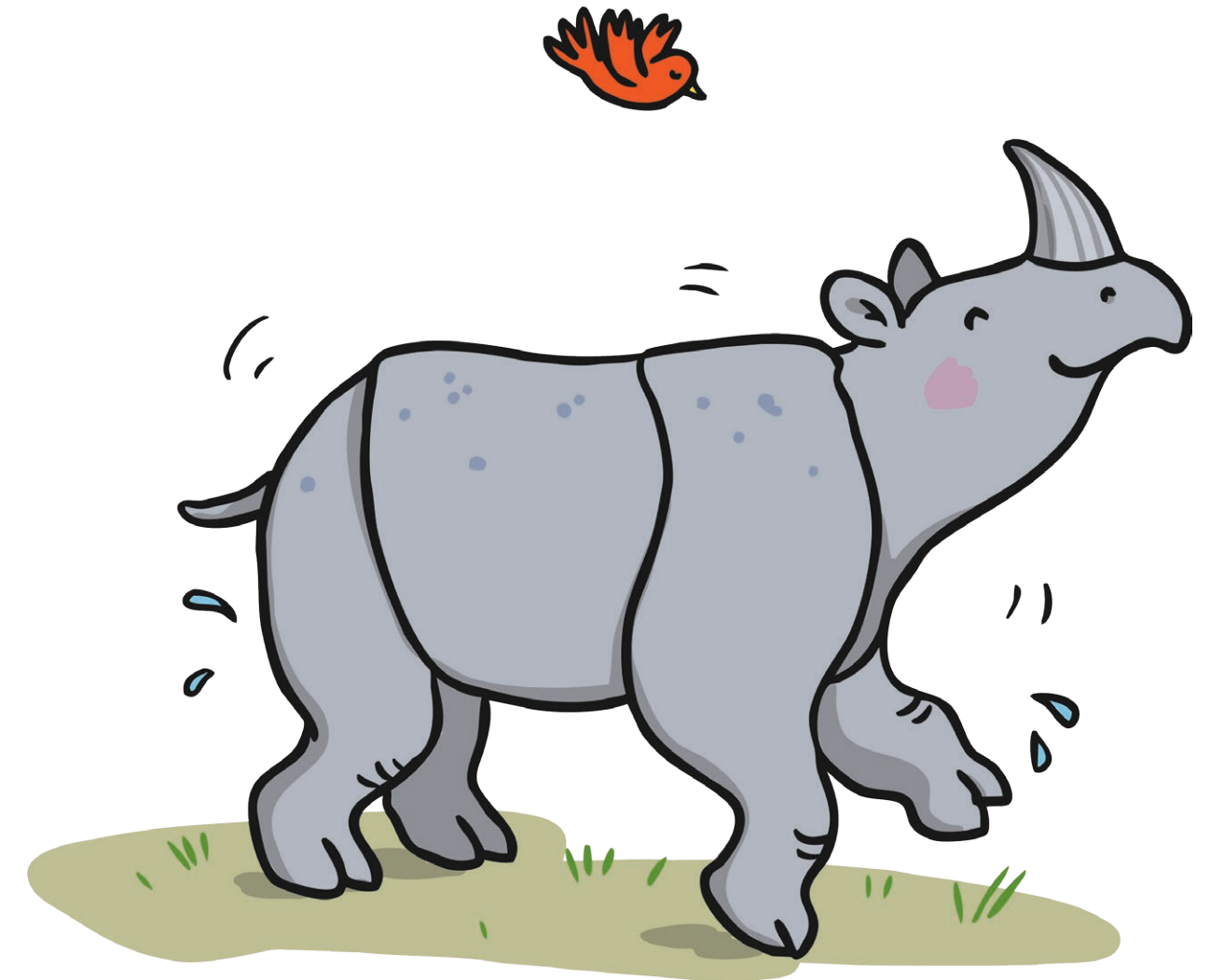
"You can't be a leopard, you're too big and grey.
You're a Javan rhino in every way!"

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."



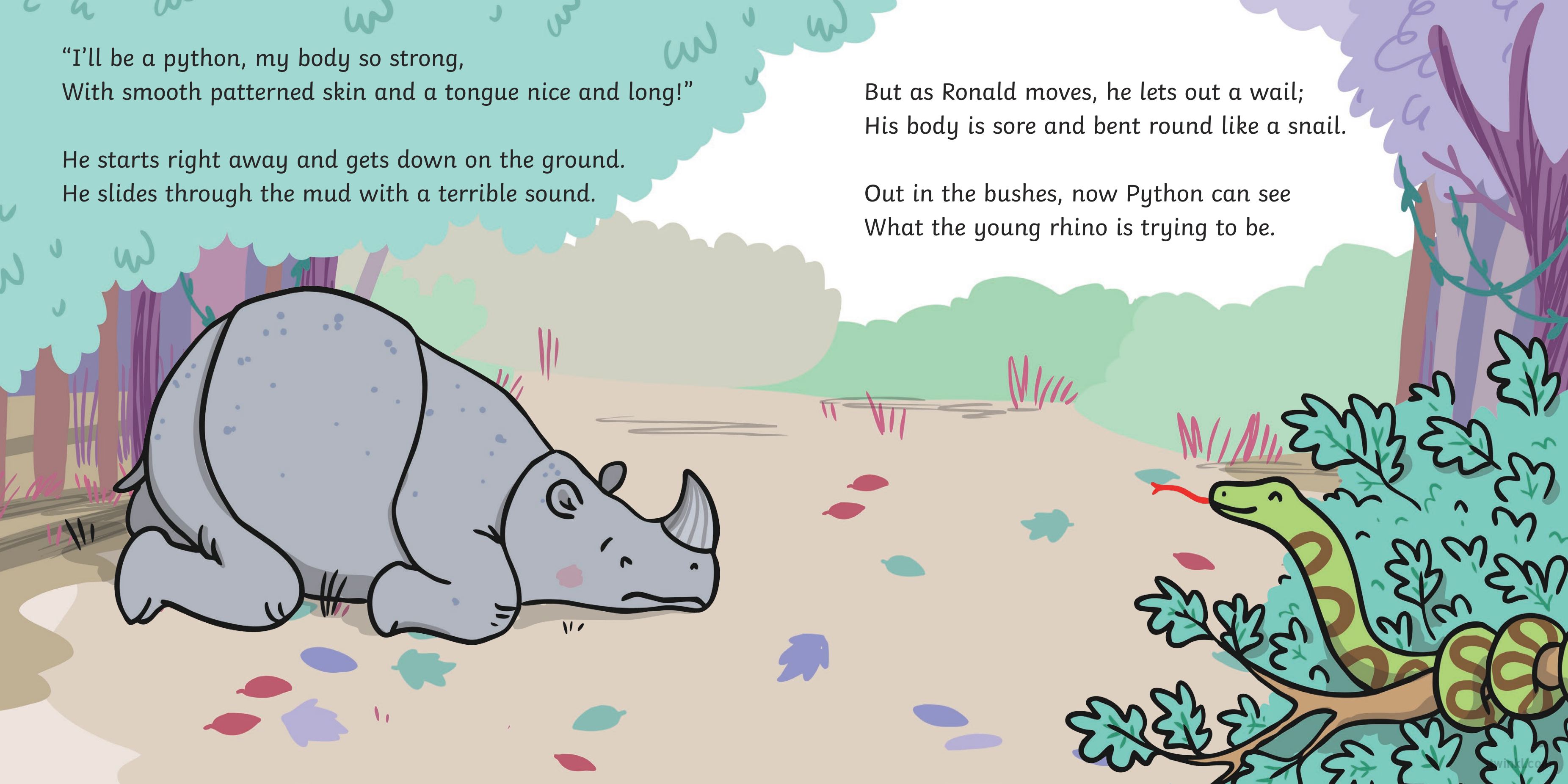
"I've got it!" he cries, with a smile on his face,
And he wiggles and jiggles all over the place.

“I’ll be a python, my body so strong,
With smooth patterned skin and a tongue nice and long!”

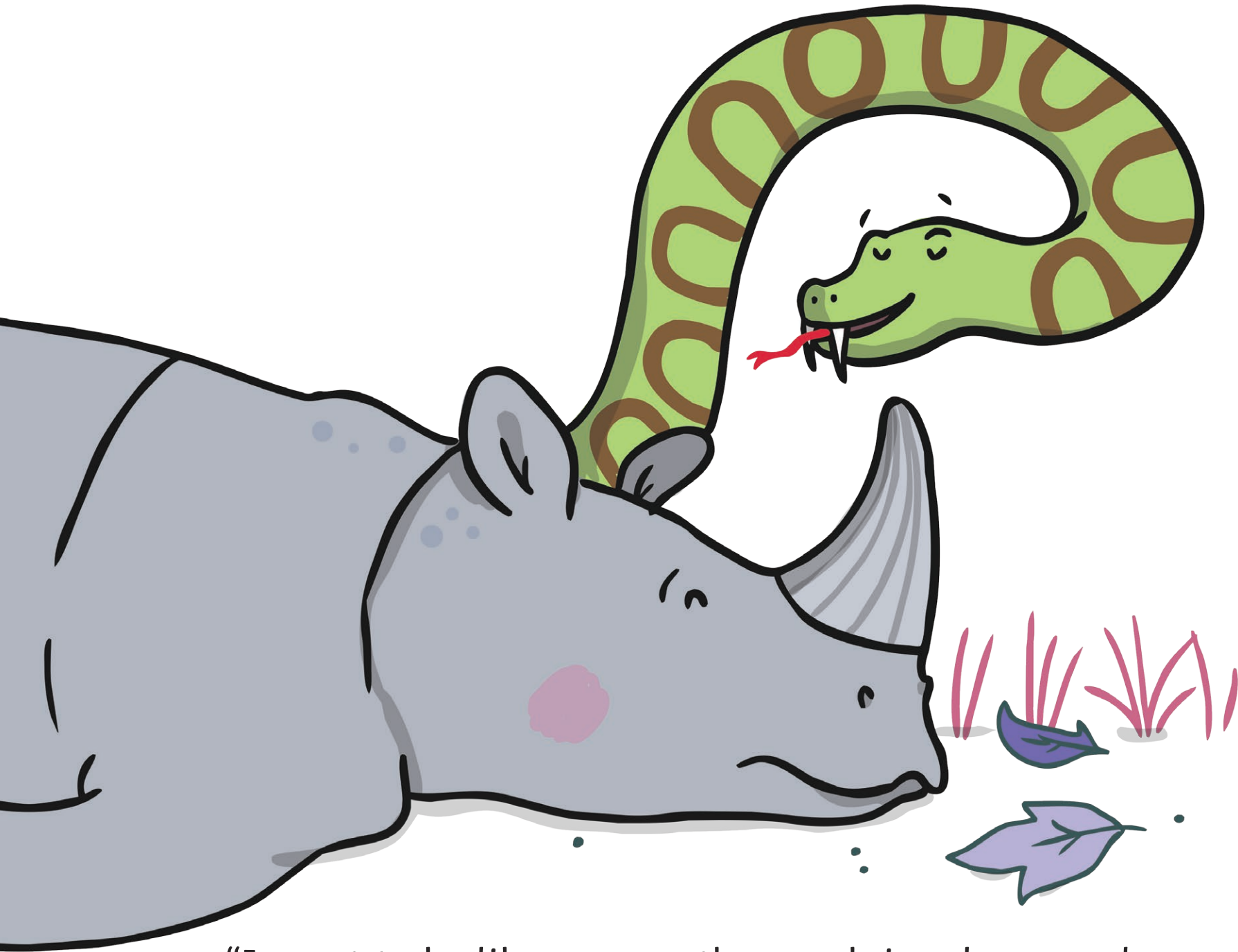
He starts right away and gets down on the ground.
He slides through the mud with a terrible sound.

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

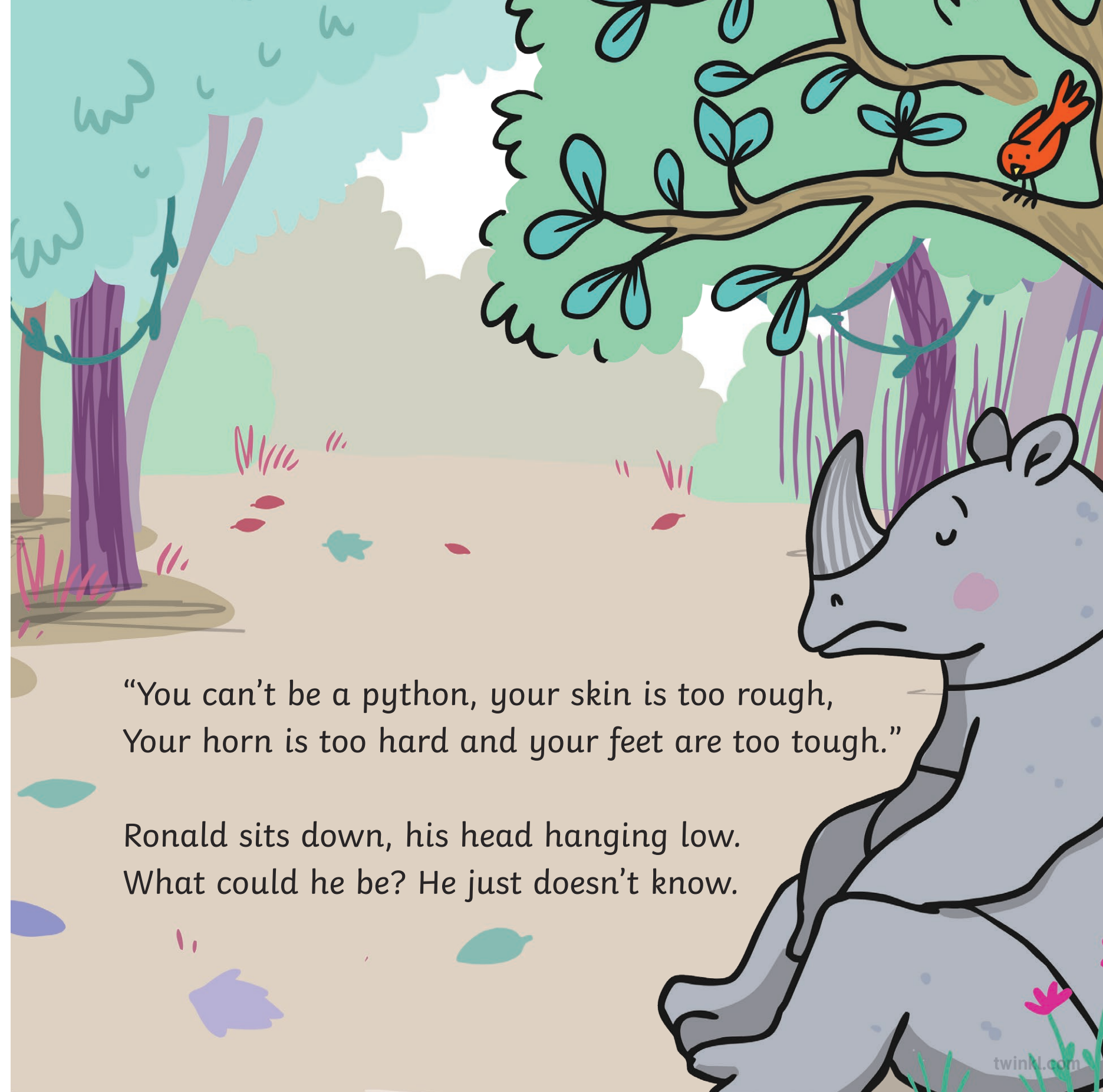
Out in the bushes, now Python can see
What the young rhino is trying to be.



“Why 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.

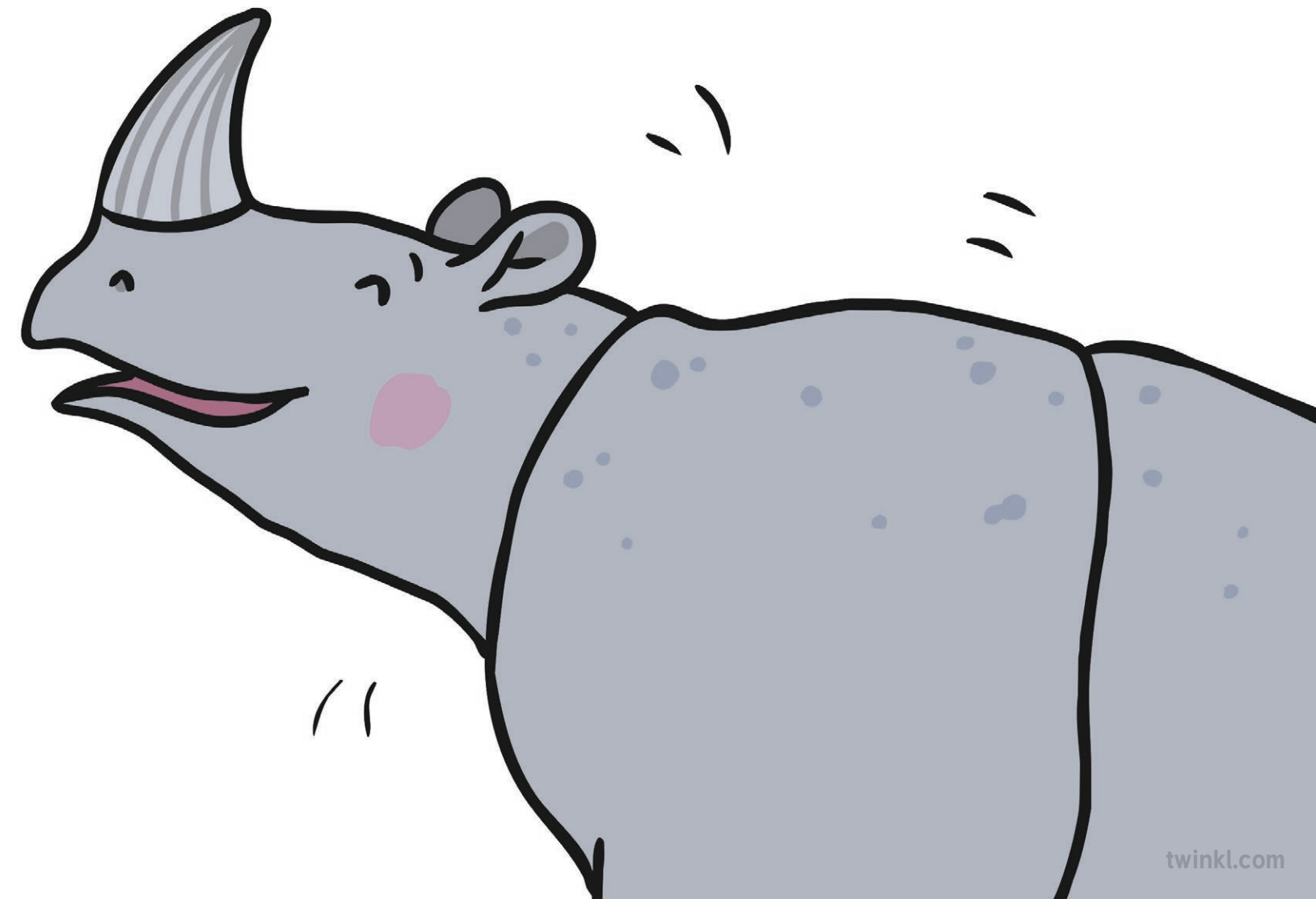


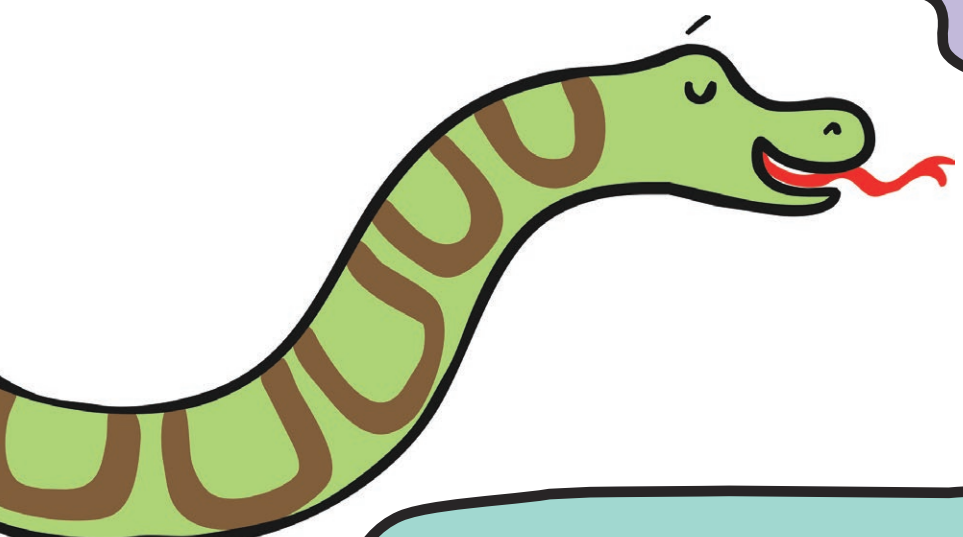
“Why am I special?” he says with a tear.
“I live by myself, I have no friends here.”

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

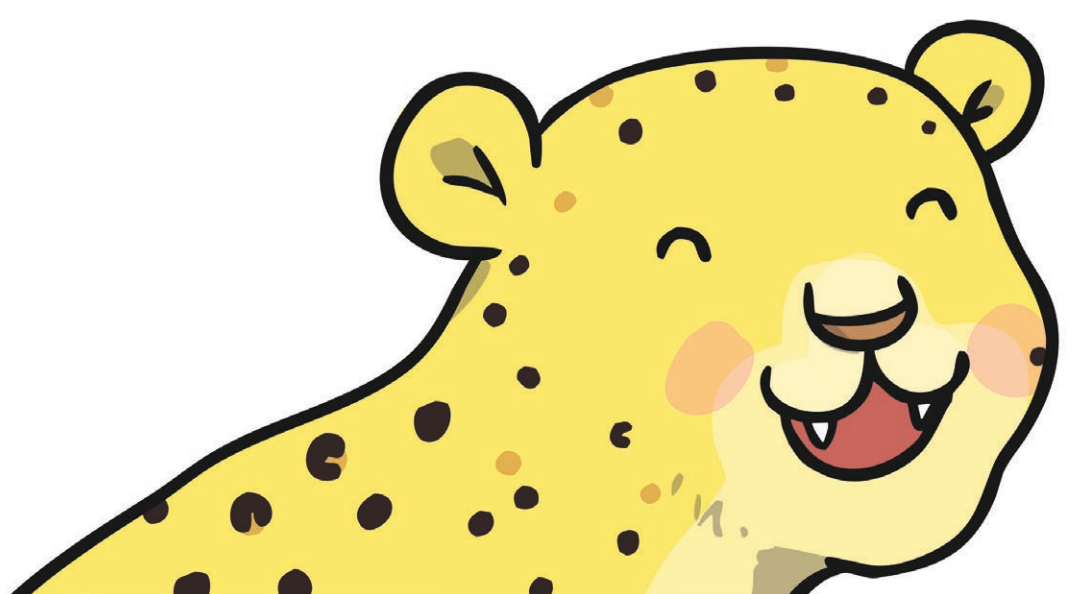
Leopard and Python see Ronald so glum,
So they cook up a plan to cheer up their chum.

“**We’ve got it!**” they say, looking down at his face.
Ronald wiggles and jiggles all over the place.





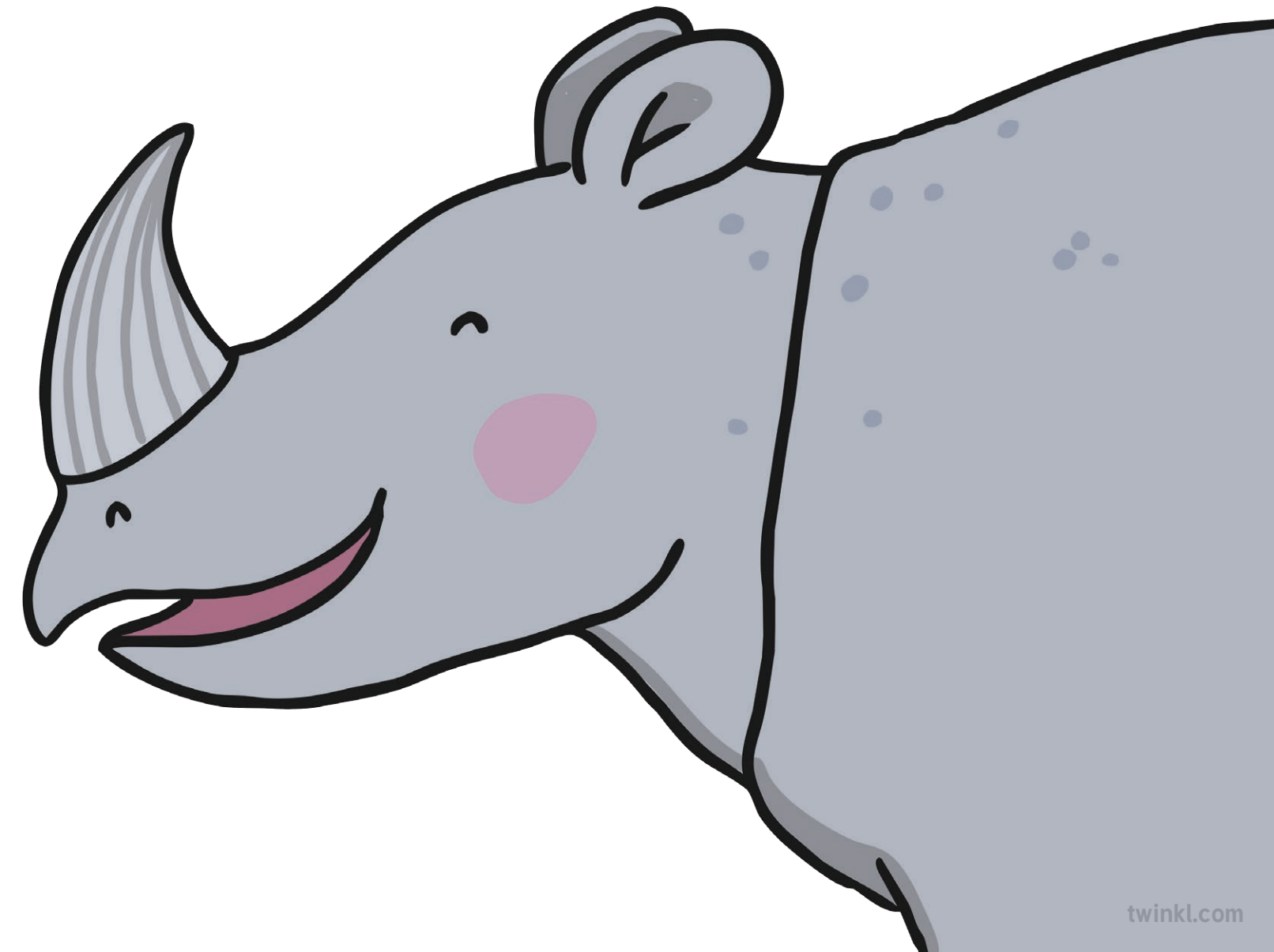
His skin is tough and looks like great armour.
His eyes sparkle brightly – he’s a real charmer!



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

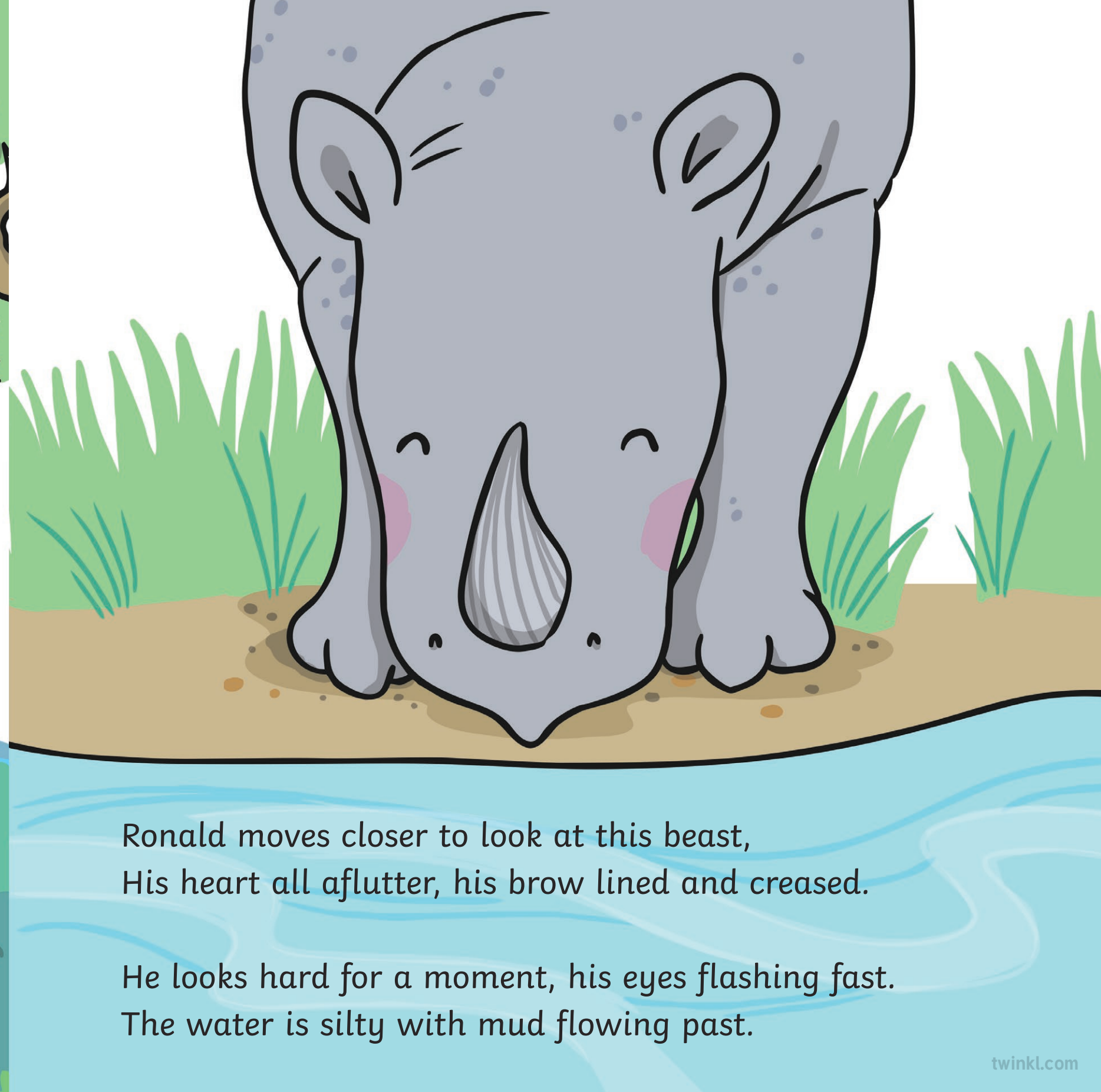
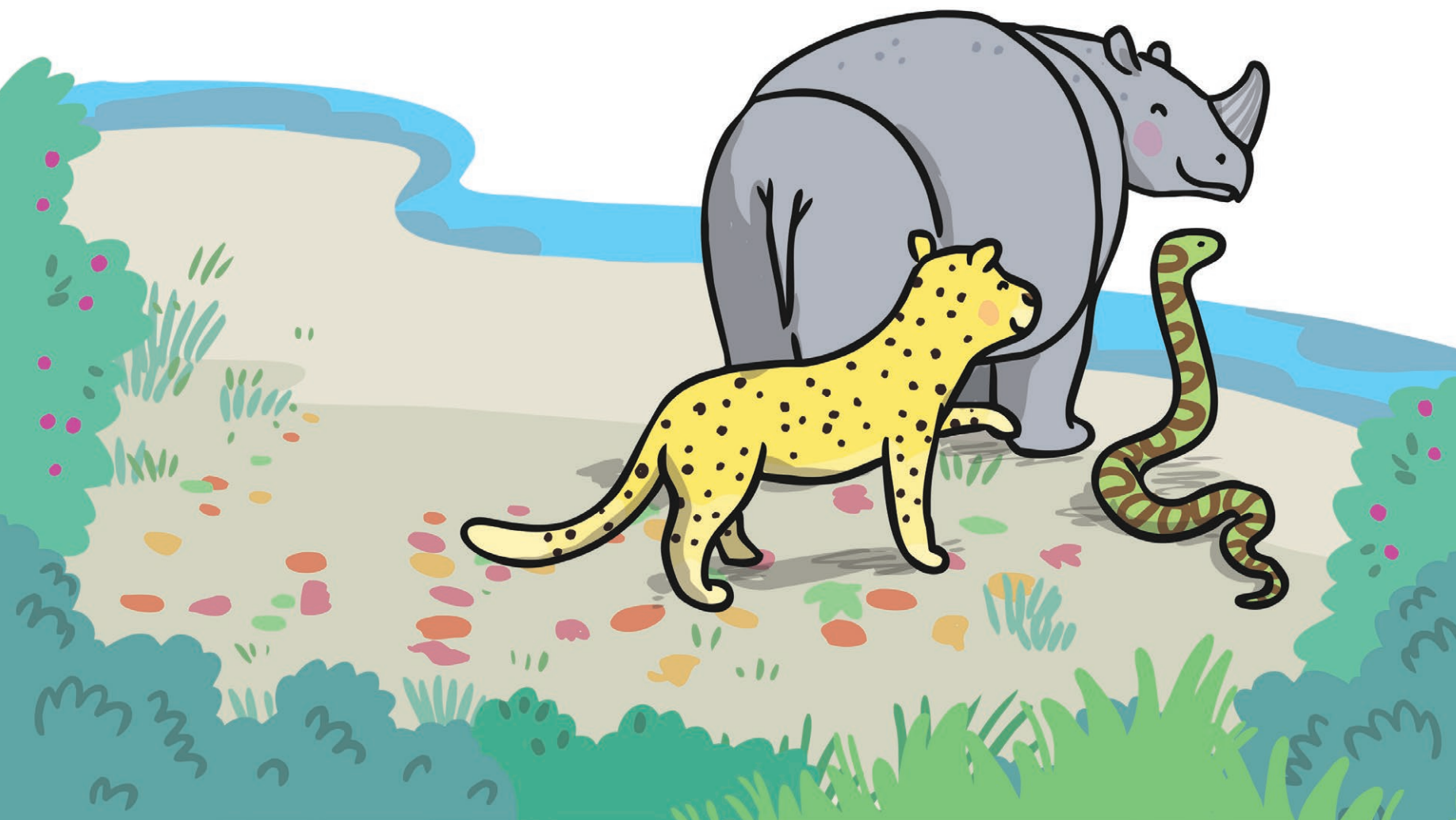
“I want to be like him!” Ronald cries out,
His eyes shining bright as his feet dance about.

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



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.

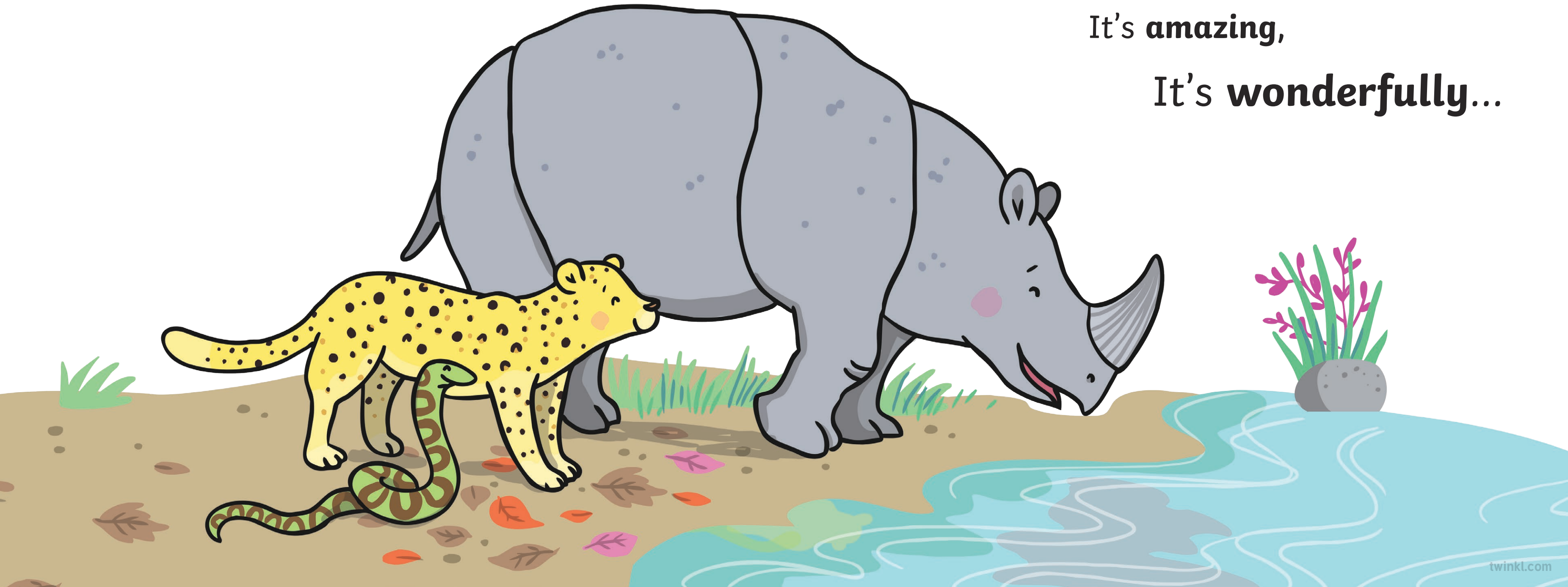
He stops as he sees it and then gasps out loud.
Leopard and Python could cry, they're so proud.

He grins at the animal that he can see,

“By golly,

It's **amazing,**

It's **wonderfully...**

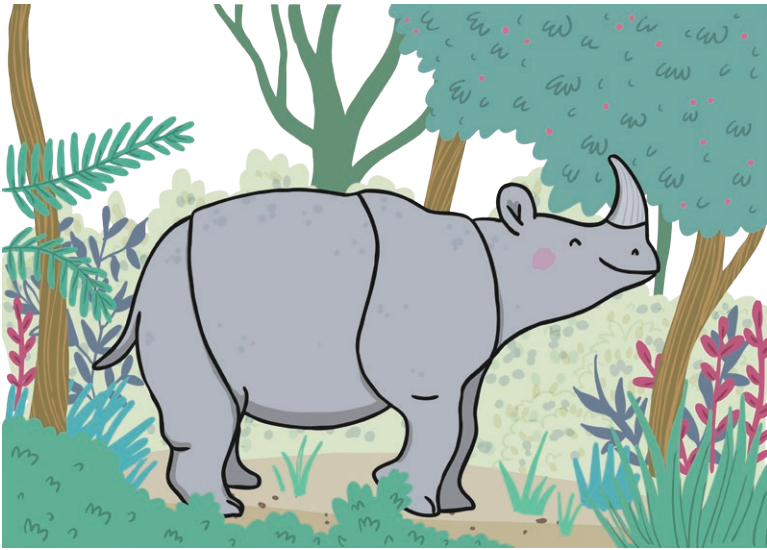


...Me!"





Tell Me More about Rhinos



The full name for a rhino is rhinoceros. The word 'rhinoceros' is made up of two old Greek words - rhino and ceros, which together mean nose horn! There are five different species of rhino in the world. These are the white rhinoceros, black rhinoceros, Javan rhinoceros, Sumatran rhinoceros and Indian rhinoceros.

All species of rhino are endangered. This means there are not many of them left in the world. The Javan rhino is the rarest land mammal in the world. This means there are less of them than any land mammal in the world. In fact, it is thought that there are only about 60 left!

Rhinos are herbivores. They eat grass, leaves, roots, bulbs and even tree bark. They have lots of different types of plants and grass in their habitat, which provides lots of food.

Rhinos can live to be about 40 years old and can grow to be up to 1.9m tall and 4m long! Rhinos are surprisingly fast for such large animals. They can run up to about 40mph – that's faster than cars are allowed to go around towns.

Fun facts:

- A group of rhinoceroses is called a herd or a crash.
- The rhino's horn may look as if it is made of bone but, even though it is very strong, it is actually made of the same stuff your fingernails are made of – keratin.
- Rhinos have been around for more than 15 million years. That's much longer than us! How sad would it be if they all died out?

Tell Me More about Rhinos

Part A

1. Use the text above to answer these questions about rhinos.

E.g. What is a rhino's horn made of?

A rhino's horn is made of keratin.

a. How many different species of rhino are there?

b. What does the name 'rhinoceros' mean?

c. What do rhinos eat?

d. How fast can rhinos run?

e. Which species of rhino is the rarest land mammal?

f. How long can rhinos live for?

g. How many Javan rhinos are there currently thought to be in the world?

2. Create a poster all about rhinos using the information in the text. Remember to include pictures and facts about rhinos. Try to make your poster bright and eye-catching.

Tell Me More about Rhinos

Part B

A fact file tells the reader more about one subject. Use non-fiction books or the Internet to find out about rhinos and to create a fact file about the rhinos.

Use these headings in your fact file (there is some extra information to help you to decide what to include in the brackets):

- **Introduction** (where rhinos live, how many species of rhinos there are in the world, what the name 'rhinoceros' means)
- **Food** (what rhinos eat)
- **Facts** (how big they grow, how old they live to be, how fast they can run)

Challenge Task

Rhinos are endangered. This means there may soon be none left alive in the wild. Find out about why they are endangered and how people are trying to protect them.

Create a poster about protecting the rhinos.

Tell Me More about Rhinos Answers

Part A

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E.g. What is a rhino's horn made of?

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There are 5 species of rhino. They are the white, Indian, Javan, black and Sumatran rhinos.

b. What does the name 'rhinoceros' mean?

The name 'rhinoceros' means 'nose horn'.

c. What do rhinos eat?

They are herbivores. They eat grass, leaves, roots, bulbs and even tree bark.

d. How fast can rhinos run?

Rhinos can run up to 40mph.

e. Which species of rhino is the rarest land mammal?

The Javan rhino is the rarest land mammal in the world.

f. How long can rhinos live for?

Rhinos can live up to about 50 years.

g. How many Javan rhinos are there currently thought to be in the world?

It is thought that there are only about 60 Javan rhinos left in the world.

Tell Me More about Rhinos Answers

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Children's answers should include the facts they have found out about rhinos and images.

Example section:

Rhinos

There are 5 species of rhinos in the world. Three live in Asia and two live in Africa. They are the black rhino, white rhino, Indian rhino, Javan rhino and Sumatran rhino.

Challenge Task

Rhinos are endangered. This means there may soon be none left alive in the wild. Find out about why they are endangered and how people are trying to protect them.

Create a poster about protecting the rhinos.

Example Answers:

Children's posters should explain why the rhinos are endangered and how people or groups are trying to save them.

Ronald the Rhino Rhyming Game

Adult Guidance

These cards will need to be cut up before the lesson and mixed.

The cards are then placed face down on the table.

Children then play in pairs or small groups.

The children take it in turns to turn two cards over so that all the players can see them.

If the cards rhyme, the player keeps them and play passes to the next player. If they do not rhyme, the player replaces them face down in the same place on the table and play passes to the next player.

The winner is the player with the most sets of cards at the end of the game.

Children can use the Answer Sheet provided to check that they have correctly found the rhyming pairs.

Ronald the Rhino Rhyming Game

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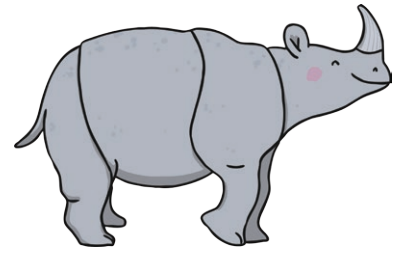
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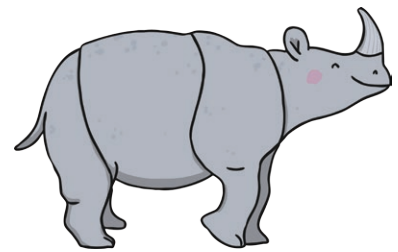
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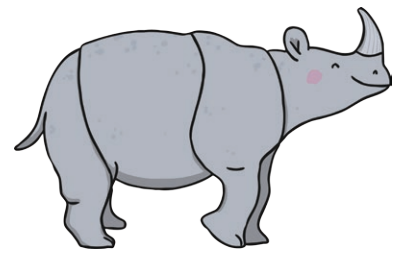
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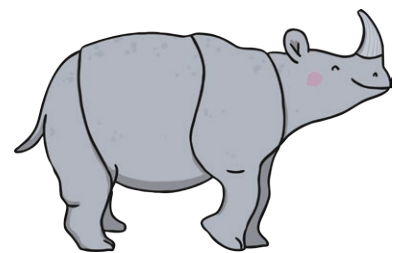
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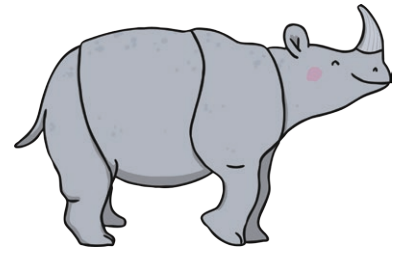
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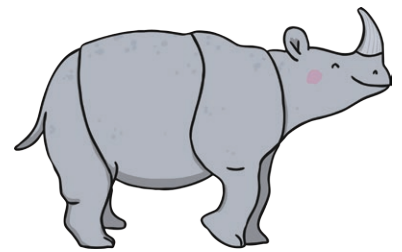
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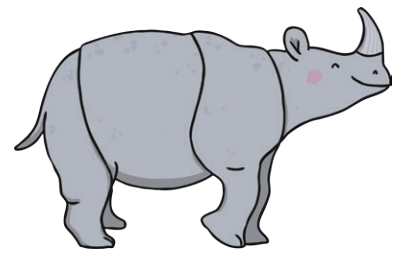
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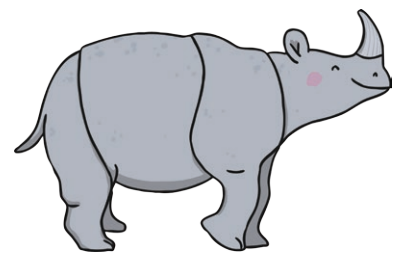
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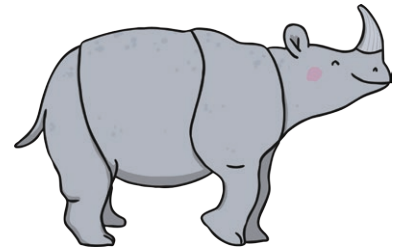
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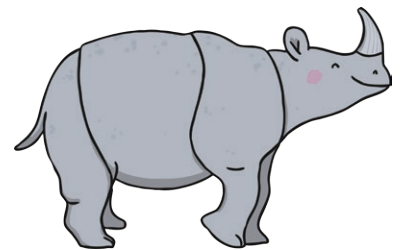
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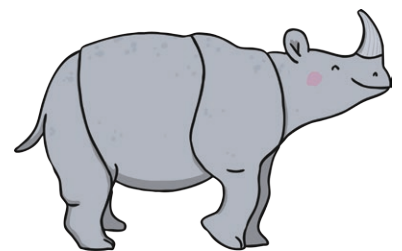
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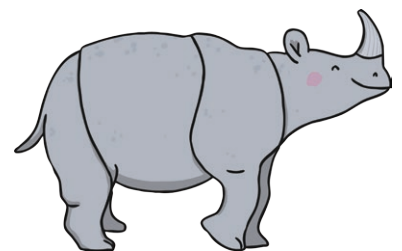
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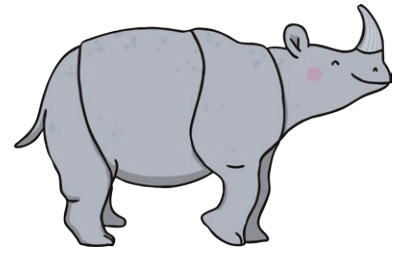
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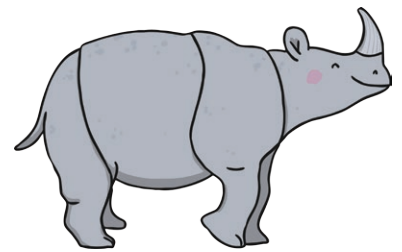
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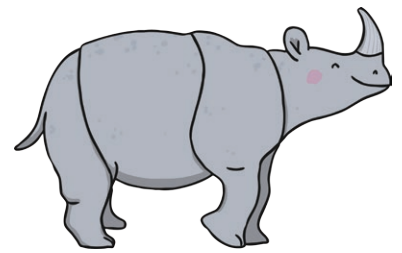
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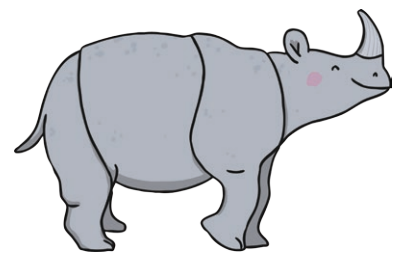
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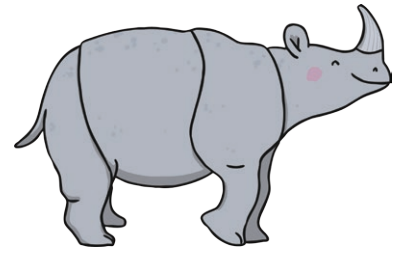
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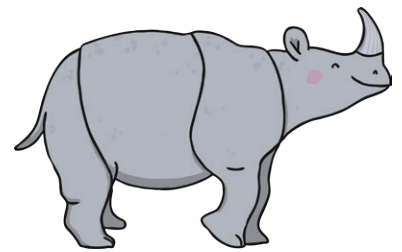
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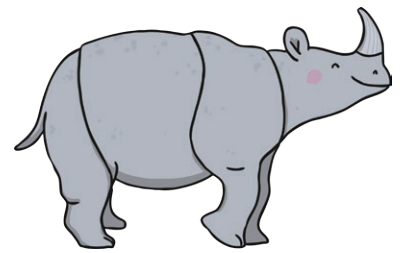
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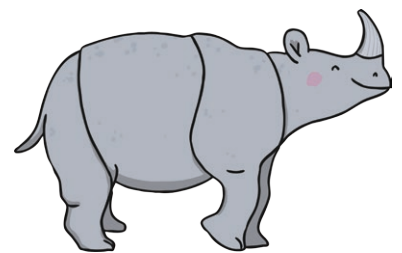
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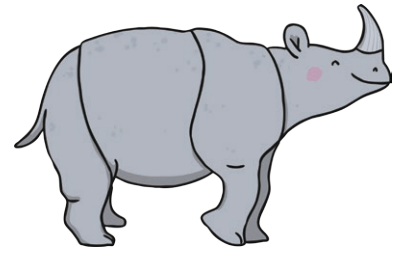
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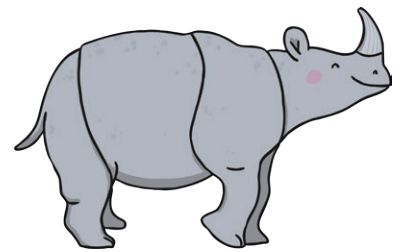
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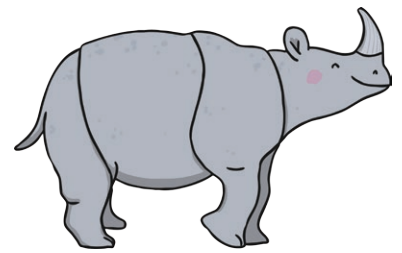
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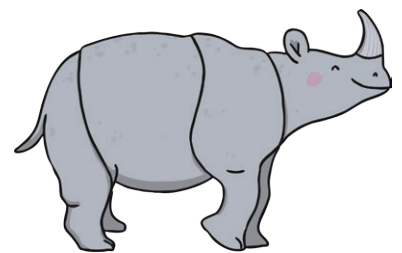
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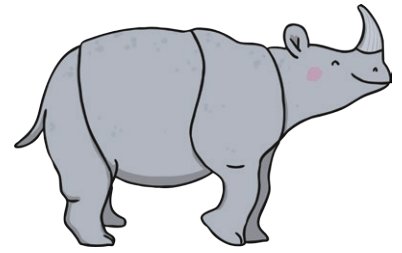
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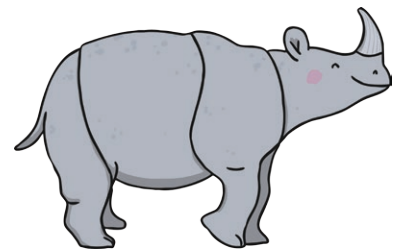
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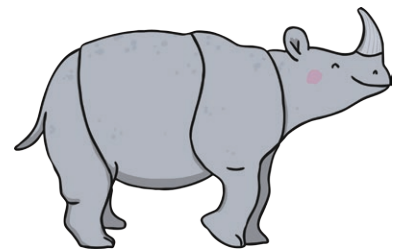
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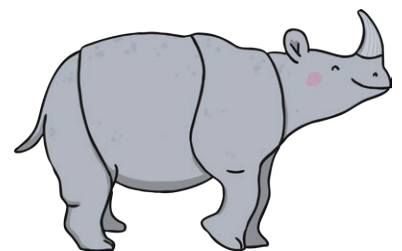
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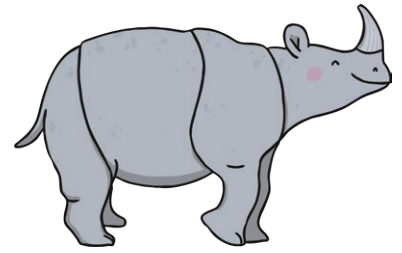
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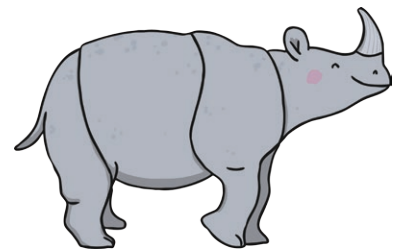
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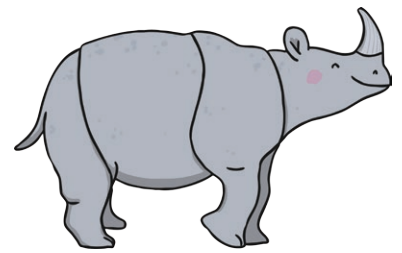
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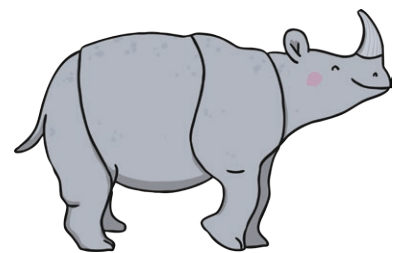
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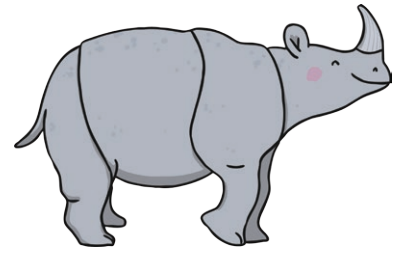
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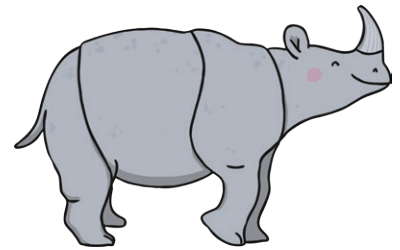
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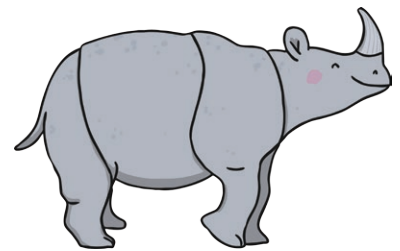
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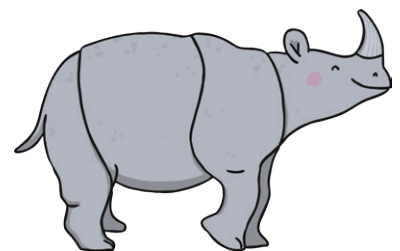
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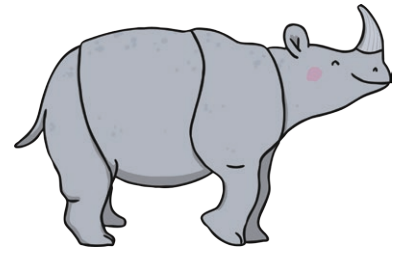
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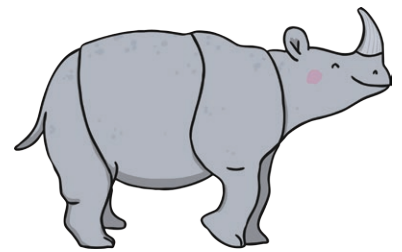
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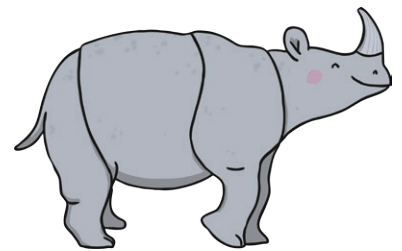
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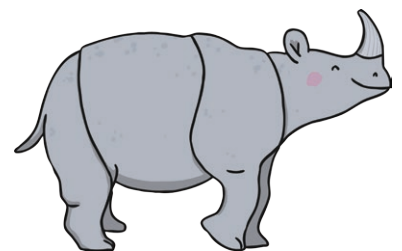
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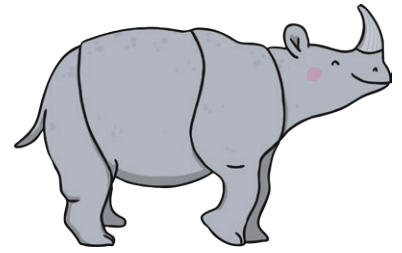
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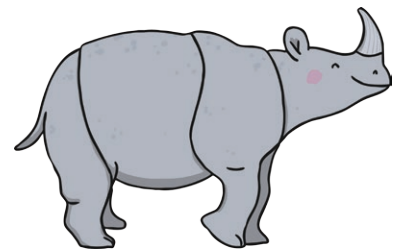
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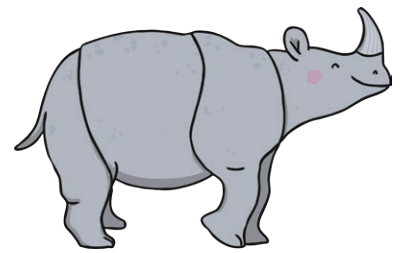
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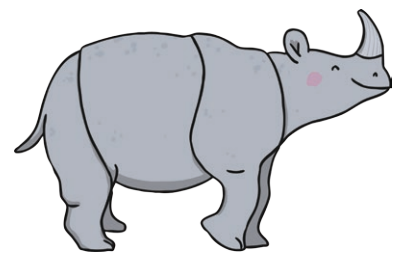
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Ronald the Rhino Rhyming Game

Answers

Use this answer sheet to check if you have found the rhyming pairs.

<i>wail</i>	<i>snail</i>
<i>snake</i>	<i>shake</i>
<i>rough</i>	<i>tough</i>
<i>low</i>	<i>know</i>
<i>glum</i>	<i>chum</i>
<i>armour</i>	<i>charmer</i>
<i>best</i>	<i>guessed</i>
<i>find</i>	<i>mind</i>
<i>there</i>	<i>care</i>
<i>beast</i>	<i>creased</i>
<i>fast</i>	<i>past</i>

<i>worn</i>	<i>horn</i>
<i>face</i>	<i>place</i>
<i>spots</i>	<i>dots</i>
<i>plan</i>	<i>scan</i>
<i>patches</i>	<i>batches</i>
<i>grey</i>	<i>way</i>
<i>do</i>	<i>blue</i>
<i>trait</i>	<i>great</i>
<i>strong</i>	<i>long</i>
<i>ground</i>	<i>sound</i>
<i>loud</i>	<i>proud</i>

What Would You Be?

Part A

If you could be any animal, what animal would you be? Draw the animal below and write down all the words that describe your animal around your picture.



What Would You Be?

Part B

Imagine you are Ronald. If you could be any animal, what animal would you be and why? Write your answer in full sentences below.



Challenge Task

Find out 5 facts about your chosen animal using the Internet or non-fiction books.

Words within Words

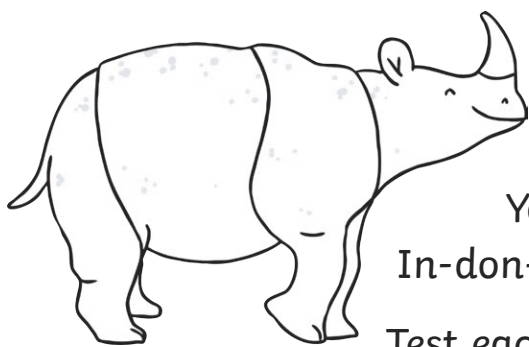
Part A

Can you find the words to do with the Indonesian rainforests in the word search?

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f r r d g o g c h t i t
y h o a d x r q m l n i
f i r h g z a r y n d g
j n a g o o i i m a o e
a o n z k v n i v g n r
v c g n j k f b p t e l
a e u r n g o e i l s h
n r t e b d r m n p i c
p o a h h a e o o j a z
z s n u a n s z s d d z
b k c n o d t e k j o m

rainforest
Indonesia
Sumatran tiger

Komodo dragon
Javan rhinoceros
orangutan



Choose one of the words. Work with a partner to learn how to spell this word. Think about the things you can do to help you remember.

You could 'chunk' it into smaller sections e.g. In-don-e-sia. Practise spelling your word on a whiteboard.

Test each other once you think you know the word.

Words within Words

Part B

The words below are all to do with the rainforests in Indonesia. Can you use the letters in each word to create new words? How many different words can you find for each one?

Example: rain – in, ran, an; forest – for, rest, or, store, set.

1. rainforest _____
2. Indonesia _____
3. Sumatran tiger _____
4. Komodo dragon _____
5. Javan rhinoceros _____
6. orangutan _____

Challenge Task

Use books or the Internet to find more words to do with rainforests and Indonesia and add them to the word cloud. You can use different colours to make it interesting.

