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**Level 4** – 13th September, 2021

## Upside-down rhino experiment wins Ig Nobel Prize

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210913-ig-nobel-prize-4.html>

Everyone knows the Nobel Peace Prize. This is for the person who contributed "the greatest benefit to humankind". Fewer people know about the Ig Nobel Prize. This is to "honor achievements that first make people laugh, and then make them think". This year's Ig Nobel award for transportation is for an experiment on the effects on rhinoceroses of hanging them upside down. Researchers wanted to know the healthiest way to move rhinoceroses by helicopter.

Wikipedia says: "The Ig Nobel Prize is a satirical prize awarded...to celebrate ten unusual or trivial achievements in scientific research." It added: "The name of the award is a pun on the Nobel Prize." Other winners this year studied bacteria in chewing gum, cat communication, and whether humans grow beards to protect themselves from punches to the face. All winners win an old Zimbabwean \$10 trillion note.

Sources: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ig\\_Nobel\\_Prize](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ig_Nobel_Prize)  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-58507100>  
<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/ig-nobel-prize-awards-recognise-063744595.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Everyone knows the             | a. transportation    |
| 2. the greatest benefit           | b. way               |
| 3. Fewer people                   | c. helicopter        |
| 4. This is to honor               | d. laugh             |
| 5. make people                    | e. know              |
| 6. This year's Ig Nobel award for | f. Nobel Peace Prize |
| 7. the healthiest                 | g. to humankind      |
| 8. move rhinoceroses by           | h. achievements      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. unusual or trivial              | a. research           |
| 2. scientific                      | b. to the face        |
| 3. a pun                           | c. gum                |
| 4. chewing                         | d. note               |
| 5. cat                             | e. achievements       |
| 6. humans grow                     | f. communication      |
| 7. protect themselves from punches | g. on the Nobel Prize |
| 8. \$10 trillion                   | h. beards             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Fewer people know about the Ig Nobel Prize. This is to "honor achievements that first (3) \_\_\_\_\_, and then make them think". This

year's Ig Nobel award for transportation is for (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the effects on rhinoceroses

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ upside down. Researchers wanted to know the healthiest (6) \_\_\_\_\_ rhinoceroses by helicopter.

Wikipedia says: "The Ig Nobel Prize (7) \_\_\_\_\_ prize awarded...to celebrate ten (8) \_\_\_\_\_ achievements in

scientific research." It added: "The name of the award is (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the Nobel Prize." Other winners this year

studied (10) \_\_\_\_\_ gum, cat communication, and whether humans (11) \_\_\_\_\_ protect themselves from

(12) \_\_\_\_\_ face. All winners win an old Zimbabwean \$10 trillion note.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# INSECTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about prizes in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

