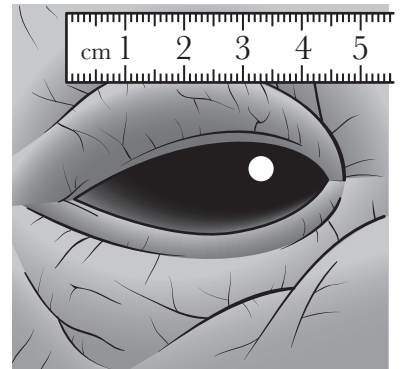


Is Big Best?

What is best about being big?

For one thing, it means
most hunters will think
twice before attacking you.

White rhinos are actually grey.
They live in Africa and can grow to
4 metres long.



Rhino's eye



Lions usually hunt animals that are smaller or weak. When they hunt in a group, they may attack larger prey.



ACTUAL
<<<SIZE>>>



Rhinos have surprisingly small eyes for their great size. These grazers rely more on their sense of smell to detect danger.

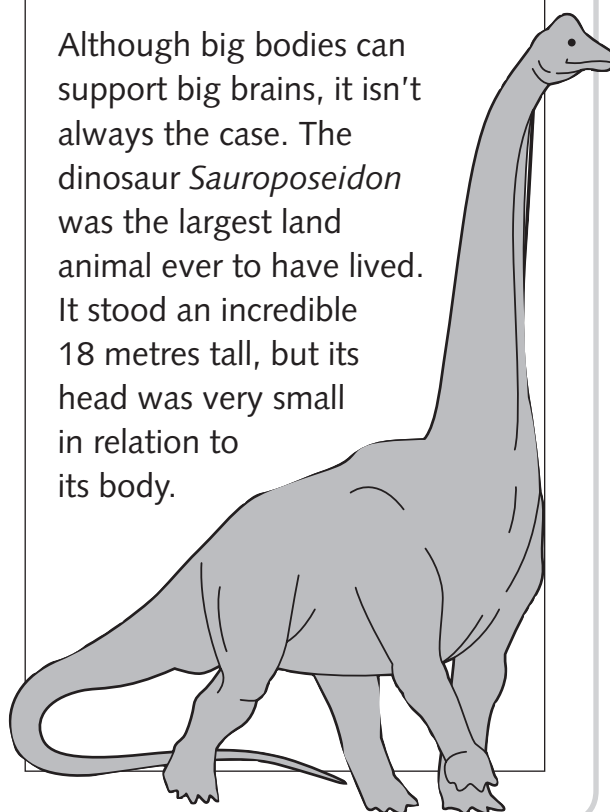
A rhino is the size of a small car and is covered in thick skin. It is simply too large for most big cat **predators**, such as cheetahs or lions. If a big cat did attack one of these mighty beasts, it would stand a good chance of being squashed underfoot and stabbed by the rhino's horn.

Advantages of size

Being big makes some animals, such as lions and bears, better hunters – they are more easily able to defeat other, smaller animals. Being large has another advantage, too. It helps a body to stay at a steady temperature, and this allows the animal to save energy. Animals that have a tiny body, such as a common shrew, lose heat quickly.

The no. 1 biggest land animal
RECORD BREAKER is ...
SAUROPOSEIDON

Although big bodies can support big brains, it isn't always the case. The dinosaur *Sauroposeidon* was the largest land animal ever to have lived. It stood an incredible 18 metres tall, but its head was very small in relation to its body.



Name:

Date:

Read the text, and then answer the questions.

1. How big can white rhinos grow?

2. How does the author help you find information about an animal record breaker quickly?

3. Find and copy **one** word from the text that tells us rhinos eat grass.

4. When might lions hunt larger prey?

5. What might happen to a lion that attacks a rhino?

6. Why doesn't the rhino need larger eyes?

7. What was unusual about the *Sauroposeidon*? Tick the best answer.

It had a small brain.

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It was the largest animal that ever lived.

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It had a big head.

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It was called *Sauroposeidon*.

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8. Summarise the key information in *Is Big Best?* in as few sentences as possible.
