Cultural awareness

Safaris in South Africa

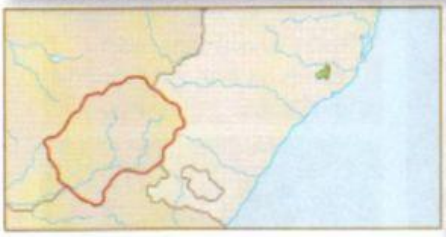
Fact box

When people visit South Africa, most of them hope to see some wild animals. The most popular ones are the elephant, the rhinoceros, the lion, the buffalo and the leopard.

THULA THULA WILDLIFE RESERVE

ABOUT THULA THULA

Thula Thula is a private wildlife reserve and hotel. Thula Thula means 'peace' in Zulu, the language of a famous South African tribe. Thula Thula is in Kwazulu Natal province in South Africa. This is where the Zulu tribe comes from.



WILDLIFE
The area is home to hundreds of species of animals, including rhinoceros, leopards, crocodiles and giraffes.

RESCUED ANIMALS
In 1999, the owner of Thula Thula, Lawrence Anthony, rescued a herd of seven elephants and brought them to his wildlife reserve. Since then, the family has grown to 25 elephants! The story of his experiences with the elephants is the subject of his book, *The Elephant Whisperer*.
The owners of Thula Thula adopted Thabo, a baby rhino, in 2009 when he was just a few days old. He now lives on the wildlife reserve.

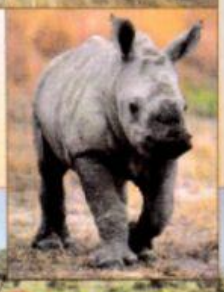
ACCOMMODATION
Guests stay in luxury tents with beds and showers. There are some outdoor showers too if you don't mind monkeys watching you from the trees!

MEALS
A lot of guests say the food is the best thing at Thula Thula! Don't forget to try a traditional African 'braai' (barbecue).

ACTIVITIES
Local guides, who have a lot of knowledge about the area, take groups of guests on safaris. You can also go on organized walks and learn about unusual plants that only grow in South Africa.

WHEN TO VISIT
Thula Thula is open all year. In winter (April–August) the temperature is usually warm in the day and cool at night. In summer (September–March) the days are hot and the nights are warm.







Word check

wildlife reserve rescue herd adopt

1. Look at the picture. Which animals can you name? _____

2. Read and listen. Which animals live at Thula Thula? _____

3. Read the text again and choose the correct answers.

1. 'Thula Thula' is ...	a) a Zulu word	b) a South African tribe
2. Lawrence Anthony wrote a book about ...	a) elephants	b) his wildlife reserve
3. A lot of guests	a) like the food	b) don't like the food
4. Guests can observe wild animals ...	a) on their own	b) with other people
5. The hottest time of the year at Thula Thula is	a) the winter	b) the summer

4. Answer the questions

1. Think of three kinds of wild animals in your country. _____

2. Where do they live and are they endangered? _____

LIVEWORKSHEETS