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News Review

Last male northern white rhino dies

BBC World Service

The story

The world's last male northern white rhino has died in Kenya, bringing the subspecies to the very brink of extinction.

The 45-year-old rhino was in poor health and was put down on Monday.

His daughter and granddaughter are the only females remaining.

Vocabulary

put down

kill an old, ill or dangerous animal

faces

has to deal with a bad situation

in doubt

unlikely to continue or succeed

Language challenge

Look at this sentence. What does it mean?

'His boss put him down after he made a bad mistake at work.'

- a) His boss criticised him publicly.
- b) His boss fired him.
- c) His boss demoted him to a role with less responsibility.

Answer

a) His boss criticised him publicly.