

Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens
Education Department
Culture

1. What are superstitions? Which animal was once protected by superstitions?
2. What is the Kori bustard called in the language of Afrikaans? What does this name mean? How do you think this bird got its name?
3. Where does the word “crane” come from and why is it appropriate for these birds?
4. What do some cultures believe about the crane?
5. Where did the word heron come from and what does it mean?
6. Where does the word duck come from and what does it mean?
7. How did the “white” rhino get its name?
8. What did the Greeks call the zebra and why?
9. What is one of the most dangerous mammals in Africa and why?
10. If you live in northern Africa, what might you want to avoid raising on your property so you don't invite Egyptian cobras to visit?
11. Which cultures honor or revere the cobra? Pick one culture and explain how it honors the cobra.
12. Why do some Africans call the African bullfrog “Green Giant” or “Walking Stomach”?
13. Are bats blind?
14. Where did the word “bat” come from and what does it mean?
15. How do some cultures view bats?
16. What does the bird name “bustard” mean? Where would you find these birds?

17. Why might cattle ranchers and golf course designers want Hadada Ibis around?

18. Instead of destroying forests, what might some African farmers do to make a living while helping to protect forests?