### **Animal puppets walk 20,000 km for climate action**

A 20,000-km walk from central Africa to the Arctic Circle has started in Congo. The epic trek is to raise awareness of the climate crisis. The journey will take over four months. It is called The Herds. A herd is a large group of animals. The hundreds of creatures in this project are life-sized puppets. They include lions, zebras, wildebeest, monkeys, giraffes and baboons. More than 2,000 people will be trained to make more puppets, all from recyclable materials. The Herds organizers said the walk symbolizes the flight of animals from climate disaster. A spokesperson said: "The Herds is public art and climate action on an unprecedented scale. It's an ambitious coming together of culture and climate."

The animal puppets from The Herds will visit more than 20 cities across the continents of Africa and Europe, including Casablanca, Madrid, Paris, London, and Stockholm. The final event will be inside the Arctic Circle in August. Each city will host street performances that focus on how we can help Earth. Alister Scott of the Global Rewilding Alliance said: "The Herds is going to reach millions of people and bring the fierce, exciting beauty of nature right onto the streets and into people's lives." The UK Peatland Programme said: "The Herds is a stunning representation of the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss, and the journey we must all make towards a brighter future."

**Homework:**

1. In your Vocab Notebook, write the words or phrases you did not know from the article and their definitions, and write a sentence using each word or phrase.
2. Write a full-sentence answer for each question below.
3. What is The Herds to raise awareness of?
4. What is a herd?
5. How big are the animal puppets?
6. What are the puppets made from?
7. What kind of art is The Herds?
8. How many continents will The Herds cross?
9. Where will the final event of The Herds be?
10. What will each city host?
11. How many people will The Herds reach?
12. What did an environmentalist say we must make a journey towards?

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