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## Huge 'Mission Jurassic' dinosaur dig to start

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190407-mission-jurassic.html>

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The bones found at the dig will go on display in Indianapolis - at the world's largest children's museum. Professor Paul Barrett, a researcher at the museum and a co-leader of the dig, said: "This is an area that hasn't been...extensively studied....The hope is to find new material of previously described species and, if we're lucky, new species of dinosaurs and the animals and plants that lived around them." Another museum professor, Richard Herrington, said: "This site offers a rare opportunity to build a picture of what the real Jurassic ecosystem would have looked like 150 million years ago." He hopes to find fossils, "from plants and invertebrates to ancient crocodiles, mammals, lizards and marine life".

Sources: <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/news/2019/march/museum-palaeontologists-to-join-new-jurassic-dino-dig-in-wyoming.html>  
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# WARM-UPS

**1. DINOSAURS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about dinosaurs. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

dinosaur / dig / state / fossils / mission / Jurassic / 150 million years ago / footprints / museum / researcher / lucky / professor / ecosystem / crocodiles / mammals / lizards

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. DINOSAUR DIGS:** Students A **strongly** believe dinosaur digs are very important; Students B **strongly** believe they aren't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. LIFE IN THE PAST:** What are the good and bad things about life in the past? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good	Bad
150 million years ago		
10,000 years ago		
2,019 years ago		
100 Years ago		
Twenty years ago		
Last year		

**5. GLOBE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "globe". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. SPECIES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most interesting species to study at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- dinosaurs
- sharks
- lizards
- spiders
- eagles
- squid
- mammals
- crocodiles

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 1. dig            | a. The hole or mark left in the soft ground after someone or something walks on it.                                    |
| 2. paleontologist | b. The earth.  |
| 3. globe          | c. A thousands or millions or years old animal or plant left in a rock.  |
| 4. site           | d. An event in which scientists search in the ground for old bones, old jewelry and signs of the past.                 |
| 5. fossil         | e. The hard, white parts of our body (or the body of an animal or fish) that make our human (or animal or fish) shape. |
| 6. bone           | f. A scientist who studies fossils of animals and plants.  |
| 7. footprint      | g. A place where a particular event or activity is happening or has happened.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. display      | h. A group of living things that are very similar and can breed and produce young.                                 |
| 9. museum       | i. Not happening or existing very often.   |
| 10. extensively | j. Found in, or produced by the sea.   |
| 11. species     | k. A building in which objects of historical, scientific, artistic, or cultural interest are stored and exhibited. |
| 12. rare        | l. A chance or situation that makes it possible to do something.   |
| 13. opportunity | m. In a way that covers or affects a large area.   |
| 14. marine      | n. Put somewhere so everyone can see it.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190407-mission-jurassic.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The world's biggest ever dinosaur dig will take place this year. **T / F**
- b. A paleontologist is someone who studies chickens and ducks. **T / F**
- c. The Jurassic Era was 150,000,000 years ago. **T / F**
- d. Scientists found a 30-metre-long Diplodocus bone. **T / F**
- e. The bones found at the dig will go in London's Natural History Museum. **T / F**
- f. The area of the dig has not been really studied so much. **T / F**
- g. Researchers hope to find a new species of dinosaur. **T / F**
- h. Researchers hope to find ancient crocodiles. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>1. globe</b>       | a. unearthed |
| <b>2. site</b>        | b. sea       |
| <b>3. find</b>        | c. about     |
| <b>4. roughly</b>     | d. location  |
| <b>5. uncovered</b>   | e. a lot     |
| <b>6. display</b>     | f. fortunate |
| <b>7. extensively</b> | g. world     |
| <b>8. lucky</b>       | h. chance    |
| <b>9. opportunity</b> | i. show      |
| <b>10. marine</b>     | j. discover  |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Paleontologists from across      | a. opportunity           |
| 2. dinosaurs that lived in the area | b. long Diplodocus       |
| 3. It is roughly 2.6 square         | c. display               |
| 4. dinosaur                         | d. ecosystem             |
| 5. the bones of a 30-metre-         | e. kilometers in size    |
| 6. go on                            | f. life                  |
| 7. new species                      | g. footprints            |
| 8. This site offers a rare          | h. of dinosaurs          |
| 9. the real Jurassic                | i. the globe             |
| 10. marine                          | j. 150 million years ago |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190407-mission-jurassic.html>

This year will see one of the world's biggest (1) \_\_\_\_\_ dinosaur digs. Paleontologists from across the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ will go to a special site in the U.S. state of Wyoming to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the dig. A paleontologist is someone who studies fossils. The dig is called Mission Jurassic. Researchers from the USA, England and Holland will join the Mission Jurassic (4) \_\_\_\_\_. They will try to find (5) \_\_\_\_\_ from dinosaurs that lived in the area 150 million years ago, in the Jurassic Era. The (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of the dig is known as the Jurassic Mile. It is roughly 2.6 (7) \_\_\_\_\_ kilometers in size. Scientists have already uncovered many interesting things over the past two years. These include dinosaur (8) \_\_\_\_\_, plant fossils and the bones of a 30-metre-long Diplodocus.

*bones*  
*globe*  
*square*  
*join*  
*ever*  
*site*  
*footprints*  
*team*

The bones found at the dig will go on (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in Indianapolis - at the world's (10) \_\_\_\_\_ children's museum. Professor Paul Barrett, a researcher at the museum and a co-leader of the dig, said: "This is an (11) \_\_\_\_\_ that hasn't been...extensively studied....The hope is to find new material of (12) \_\_\_\_\_ described species and, if we're lucky, new species of dinosaurs and the animals and plants that (13) \_\_\_\_\_ around them." Another museum professor, Richard Herrington, said: "This site offers a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity to build a picture of what the real Jurassic (15) \_\_\_\_\_ would have looked like 150 million years ago." He hopes to find fossils, "from plants and invertebrates to ancient crocodiles, mammals, lizards and marine (16) \_\_\_\_\_".

*rare*  
*largest*  
*previously*  
*life*  
*display*  
*ecosystem*  
*lived*  
*area*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190407-mission-jurassic.html>

- 1) This year will see one of the world's biggest \_\_\_\_\_ digs
  - a. every dinosaur
  - b. over dinosaur
  - c. even dinosaur
  - d. ever dinosaur
- 2) Paleontologists from across the globe will go to a special site in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. U.S. states of Wyoming
  - b. U.S. state of Wyoming
  - c. U.S. stated of Wyoming
  - d. U.S. strait of Wyoming
- 3) They will try to find bones from dinosaurs that lived \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in the arena
  - b. in the areas
  - c. in the area
  - d. in the aura
- 4) It is roughly 2.6 square kilometers \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. inch size
  - b. inches
  - c. in sized
  - d. in size
- 5) Scientists have already uncovered many interesting things over the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. past two years
  - b. passed two years
  - c. parsed two years
  - d. post two years
- 6) go on display in Indianapolis - at the world's largest \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. child's museum
  - b. children's museum
  - c. children museum
  - d. child museum
- 7) This is an area that hasn't been...extensively studied....The hope is to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. find new material
  - b. find news material
  - c. find newt material
  - d. find newly material
- 8) previously described species and, if we're lucky, new \_\_\_\_\_ dinosaurs
  - a. spree seas of
  - b. spade seas of
  - c. specials of
  - d. species of
- 9) This site offers a rare opportunity to build a picture of what the real \_\_\_\_\_...
  - a. Jurassic echo cistern
  - b. Jurassic echo system
  - c. Jurassic ecosystem
  - d. Jurassic eco-cistern
- 10) from plants and invertebrates to ancient crocodiles, mammals, lizards \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and mariner life
  - b. and marine life
  - c. and marrying life
  - d. and marlin life

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190407-mission-jurassic.html>

This year will see (1) \_\_\_\_\_ world's biggest ever dinosaur digs. Paleontologists from across the globe will go (2) \_\_\_\_\_ site in the U.S. state of Wyoming to join the dig. A paleontologist is someone (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The dig is called Mission Jurassic. Researchers from the USA, England and Holland will join the Mission Jurassic team. They will try (4) \_\_\_\_\_ from dinosaurs that lived in the area 150 million years ago, in the Jurassic Era. The site of the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ as the Jurassic Mile. It is roughly 2.6 square kilometers in size. Scientists have already uncovered many interesting things over the past two years. These include dinosaur footprints, plant fossils and the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ 30-metre-long Diplodocus.

The bones found at the dig will go (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Indianapolis - at the world's largest children's museum. Professor Paul Barrett, a researcher (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and a co-leader of the dig, said: "This (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that hasn't been...extensively studied....The hope is to find new material (10) \_\_\_\_\_ species and, if we're lucky, new species of dinosaurs and the animals and plants that lived around them." Another museum professor, Richard Herrington, said: "This site (11) \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity to build a picture of what the real Jurassic ecosystem would have looked like 150 million years ago." He hopes to find fossils, "from plants and invertebrates to ancient crocodiles, mammals, lizards (12) \_\_\_\_\_".



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190407-mission-jurassic.html>

1. Where in the USA will the dig be?
2. What does a paleontologist study?
3. How many countries are the researchers from?
4. How long ago was the Jurassic Era?
5. How many square kilometers is the dig site?
6. Where is the world's largest children's museum?
7. Where does Professor Paul Barrett work?
8. What will researchers find if they are lucky?
9. What kind of opportunity did a professor call this dig?
10. What kinds of crocodiles did a researcher hope to find?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190407-mission-jurassic.html>

- 1) Where in the USA will the dig be?
  - a) Nebraska
  - b) Indianapolis
  - c) Wyoming
  - d) the Rocky Mountains
- 2) What does a paleontologist study?
  - a) fossils
  - b) eggs
  - c) marine life
  - d) dragonflies
- 3) How many countries are the researchers from?
  - a) 2
  - b) 3
  - c) 4
  - d) 5
- 4) How long ago was the Jurassic Era?
  - a) 15,000,000 years ago
  - b) 1,500,000 years ago
  - c) 15,000 years ago
  - d) 150,000,000 years ago
- 5) How many square kilometers is the dig site?
  - a) 2.5 square kilometers
  - b) 2.7 square kilometers
  - c) 2.6 square kilometers
  - d) 2.9 square kilometers
- 6) Where is the world's largest children's museum?
  - a) Nebraska
  - b) Indianapolis
  - c) Wyoming
  - d) the Rocky Mountains
- 7) Where does Professor Paul Barrett work?
  - a) at National Geographic
  - b) Siberia
  - c) the Pyramids
  - d) a children's museum
- 8) What will researchers find if they are lucky?
  - a) an egg
  - b) new species of dinosaurs
  - c) DNA
  - d) gold
- 9) What kind of opportunity did a professor call this dig?
  - a) a golden opportunity
  - b) a rare opportunity
  - c) a good opportunity
  - d) a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity
- 10) What kinds of crocodiles did a researcher hope to find?
  - a) ancient ones
  - b) scary ones
  - c) big ones
  - d) rare ones

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Dinosaurs**

You think dinosaurs are the best species to study. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which are the least interesting of these (and why): lizards, eagles or squid.

## **Role B – Lizards**

You think lizards are the best species to study. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which are the least interesting of these (and why): dinosaurs, eagles or squid.

## **Role C – Eagles**

You think eagles are the best species to study. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which are the least interesting of these (and why): lizards, dinosaurs or squid.

## **Role D – Squid**

You think squid are the best species to study. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which are the least interesting of these (and why): lizards, eagles or dinosaurs.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190407-mission-jurassic.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'dinosaur' and 'fossil'.

<b>dinosaur</b>	<b>fossil</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ever</li><li>• state</li><li>• join</li><li>• 150</li><li>• 2.6</li><li>• include</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• largest</li><li>• studied</li><li>• material</li><li>• around</li><li>• rare</li><li>• life</li></ul>
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# DINOSAURS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190407-mission-jurassic.html>

Write five GOOD questions about dinosaurs in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# DINOSAURS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'dinosaur'?
3. What do you think of dinosaurs?
4. Why is it important we study dinosaurs?
5. What do you think of the job of a paleontologist?
6. How did the dinosaurs die out?
7. What is your favorite dinosaur?
8. Would you like to join the dig?
9. What was life like 150 million years ago?
10. Should scientists use DNA to bring dinosaurs back?

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# DINOSAURS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'bone'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of dinosaur exhibitions?
15. How exciting is it to find a new kind of dinosaur?
16. What do you think of the Jurassic Park movies?
17. What will the earth be like in 150 million years from now?
18. Should we study paleontology at school?
19. Was the world better in the time of the dinosaurs?
20. What questions would you like to ask a paleontologist?

## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The bones found at the dig will go (7) \_\_\_\_\_ display in Indianapolis - at the world's largest children's museum. Professor Paul Barrett, a researcher at the museum and a co-leader of the dig, said: "This is an area that hasn't been... (8) \_\_\_\_\_ studied...The hope is to find new material of previously (9) \_\_\_\_\_ species and, if we're lucky, new species of dinosaurs and the animals and plants that lived around them." Another museum professor, Richard Herrington, said: "This site offers a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity to build a picture of what the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Jurassic ecosystem would have looked like 150 million years ago." He hopes to find fossils, "from plants and invertebrates to ancient crocodiles, mammals, lizards and marine (12) \_\_\_\_\_".

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |                 |               |                 |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) every     | (b) over        | (c) ever      | (d) event       |
| 2.  | (a) site      | (b) strait      | (c) slight    | (d) sight       |
| 3.  | (a) join      | (b) connect     | (c) link      | (d) merge       |
| 4.  | (a) area      | (b) arena       | (c) aura      | (d) aria        |
| 5.  | (a) as        | (b) on          | (c) at        | (d) in          |
| 6.  | (a) longest   | (b) longing     | (c) length    | (d) long        |
| 7.  | (a) on        | (b) at          | (c) of        | (d) in          |
| 8.  | (a) extended  | (b) extension   | (c) extensive | (d) extensively |
| 9.  | (a) described | (b) description | (c) describes | (d) describe    |
| 10. | (a) bare      | (b) rare        | (c) care      | (d) fare        |
| 11. | (a) really    | (b) real        | (c) reality   | (d) realism     |
| 12. | (a) life      | (b) lively      | (c) lifer     | (d) living      |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. from across the loebg
2. 150 omiilln years ago
3. It is rolhgyu 2.6 square kilometers
4. cevenourd many interesting things
5. dinosaur ftsnpotori
6. plant slfsois

## Paragraph 2

7. go on apdysli
8. the world's largest children's meumsu
9. new scpseie of dinosaurs
10. the real Jurassic comesyets
11. nncieta crocodiles
12. inearm life

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190407-mission-jurassic.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) area that hasn't been...extensively studied....The hope is to find new material of previously described
- ( ) team. They will try to find bones from dinosaurs that lived in the area 150 million years
- ( ) in size. Scientists have already uncovered many interesting things over the past two years. These include dinosaur
- ( ) globe will go to a special site in the U.S. state of Wyoming to join the dig. A paleontologist is someone who studies
- ( ) fossils. The dig is called Mission Jurassic. Researchers from the USA, England and Holland will join the Mission Jurassic
- ( ) The bones found at the dig will go on display in Indianapolis - at the world's largest children's
- ( ) ago, in the Jurassic Era. The site of the dig is known as the Jurassic Mile. It is roughly 2.6 square kilometers
- ( ) footprints, plant fossils and the bones of a 30-metre-long Diplodocus.
- ( ) picture of what the real Jurassic ecosystem would have looked like 150 million years ago." He hopes to
- ( ) find fossils, "from plants and invertebrates to ancient crocodiles, mammals, lizards and marine life".
- ( **1** ) This year will see one of the world's biggest ever dinosaur digs. Paleontologists from across the
- ( ) museum. Professor Paul Barrett, a researcher at the museum and a co-leader of the dig, said: "This is an
- ( ) them." Another museum professor, Richard Herrington, said: "This site offers a rare opportunity to build a
- ( ) species and, if we're lucky, new species of dinosaurs and the animals and plants that lived around

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190407-mission-jurassic.html>

1. of biggest ever dinosaur One world's digs . the
2. site the to U .S . special in Go a
3. studies paleontologist someone is A who fossils .
4. bones try to dinosaurs . find will They from
5. interesting have already Scientists many things . uncovered
6. area been hasn't studied . An that extensively
7. lived and them . plants animals around The that
8. build picture . to A opportunity a rare
9. like . would have ecosystem looked What Jurassic the
10. fossils hopes find He plants . to from

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190407-mission-jurassic.html>

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The bones found at the dig will go *in / on* display in Indianapolis - at the world's largest *children's / children* museum. Professor Paul Barrett, a researcher *on / at* the museum and a co-leader of the dig, said: "This is an area that hasn't been...*extensive / extensively* studied....The hope is to find *news / new* material of previously described species and, if we're lucky, new *species / specials* of dinosaurs and the animals and plants that lived around *them / that*." Another museum professor, Richard Herrington, said: "This site offers a *rarity / rare* opportunity to build a picture of what the real Jurassic ecosystem would have looked *like / likely* 150 million years ago." He hopes to find fossils, "from plants and invertebrates to ancient crocodiles, mammals, lizards and marine *live / life*".

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the bones found at the dig will go on display in indianapolis at the worlds largest childrens museum professor paul barrett a researcher at the museum and a coleader of the dig said this is an area that hasnt been extensively studied the hope is to find new material of previously described species and if were lucky new species of dinosaurs and the animals and plants that lived around them another museum professor richard herrington said this site offers a rare opportunity to build a picture of what the real jurassic ecosystem would have looked like 150 million years ago he hopes to find fossils from plants and invertebrates to ancient crocodiles mammals lizards and marine life

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

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It is important to find out more about dinosaurs. Discuss.

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. DINOSAURS:** Make a poster about dinosaurs. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. PALEONTOLOGY:** Write a magazine article about paleontology being a subject taught at high school. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on dinosaurs. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on paleontology. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d    2. f    3. b    4. g    5. c    6. e    7. a  
8. n    9. k    10. m    11. h    12. i    13. l    14. j

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b F    c T    d F    e F    f T    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. globe       | a. world     |
| 2. site        | b. location  |
| 3. find        | c. discover  |
| 4. roughly     | d. about     |
| 5. uncovered   | e. unearthed |
| 6. display     | f. show      |
| 7. extensively | g. a lot     |
| 8. lucky       | h. fortunate |
| 9. opportunity | i. chance    |
| 10. marine     | j. sea       |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Wyoming
- Fossils
- Three
- 150 million years ago
- 2.6
- Indianapolis
- At a children's museum
- New species of dinosaurs
- A rare opportunity
- Ancient crocodiles

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- One of the world's biggest ever dinosaur digs.
- Go to a special site in the U.S.
- A paleontologist is someone who studies fossils.
- They will try to find bones from dinosaurs.
- Scientists have already uncovered many interesting things.
- An area that hasn't been extensively studied.
- The animals and plants that lived around them.
- A rare opportunity to build a picture.
- What the Jurassic ecosystem would have looked like.
- He hopes to find fossils from plants.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c    2. a    3. b    4. d    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. b    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)