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Level 4 – 12th September, 2019

Asteroid rock layers reveal how the dinosaurs died

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Scientists have more details of how the dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago. The scientists analyzed rocks in a crater under the seabed off Mexico. The rocks were created from the disastrous impact of a huge asteroid hitting Earth. The rocks' layers show a step-by-step account of what happened after the impact. A scientist said: "It tells us what went on inside the crater on that day of doom that killed the dinosaurs. All of this...is recorded in the [rock]."

The asteroid was up to four kilometers wide. It created a crater 160kms wide and 20kms deep. This started a chain reaction of earthquakes, tsunami, landslides and fires that changed Earth's geology forever. It also killed off the dinosaurs. Molten rock fell into the crater, which was then filled with ocean water. This water was full of soil, vegetation and other debris. It took a few hours to settle in the layers scientists are now analyzing millions of years later.

Sources: <https://www.foxnews.com/science/scientists-uncover-new-evidence-of-the-asteroid-that-killed-off-the-dinosaurs>
<https://gizmodo.com/ancient-rock-reveals-shocking-first-day-after-dinosaur-1837991356>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Scientists have more details | a. inside the crater |
| 2. the dinosaurs died out | b. of doom |
| 3. in a crater under | c. account |
| 4. the disastrous impact of a | d. recorded |
| 5. a step-by-step | e. huge asteroid |
| 6. It tells us what went on | f. 65 million years ago |
| 7. on that day | g. the seabed |
| 8. All of this is | h. of how |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. up to four kilometers | a. now analyzing |
| 2. This started a chain | b. rock |
| 3. changed Earth's | c. reaction |
| 4. Molten | d. years later |
| 5. filled | e. wide |
| 6. soil, vegetation and | f. geology forever |
| 7. the layers scientists are | g. other debris |
| 8. millions of | h. with ocean water |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists have (1) _____ how the dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago. The scientists (2) _____ a crater under the seabed off Mexico. The rocks were created from (3) _____ of a huge asteroid hitting Earth. The rocks' layers show a step-by-step account of what happened (4) _____. A scientist said: "It tells us what (5) _____ the crater on that day of doom that killed the dinosaurs. All of this...is (6) _____ [rock]."

The asteroid was up to four kilometers wide. It (7) _____ 160kms wide and 20kms deep. This started (8) _____ of earthquakes, tsunami, landslides and fires that changed Earth's geology forever. It also (9) _____ dinosaurs. Molten rock fell into the crater, which was then filled (10) _____. This water was full of soil, vegetation (11) _____. It took a few hours to settle in the layers scientists are (12) _____ of years later.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DINOSAURS SURVEY

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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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **dinosaurs** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
