

"Bus-sized crocodiles once roamed the Earth"

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Gigantic "terror crocodiles" that were as large as
(1) buses once roamed the Earth. This terrifying
(2) picture comes from a study that was published
this week in the "Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology". The
(3) study is from universities in the USA.
Researchers who are (4) experts in paleontology - the
study of dinosaurs - studied (5) ancient bones found in
North America. They said that the dinosaurs lived along the Pacific
and Atlantic (6) coasts of what is now Canada and the
USA. The giant beasts preyed on other dinosaurs and were up to
ten metres in (7) length. The researchers discovered
that the prehistoric crocodiles had razor-sharp teeth that were the
(8) size of large bananas.

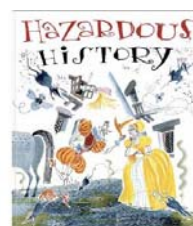
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Co-author of the study Dr Adam Cossette gave
(9) details of how he thought the crocodiles lived. He
said they lived between 75 and 82 million years ago and are the
(10) ancestors of today's crocodiles and alligators. He
wrote about his research on the (11) bone parts he
studied. He said: "Until now, the (12) complete animal
was unknown. These new specimens we've examined reveal a
bizarre, monstrous (13) predator with teeth the size of
bananas." He added that it was, "a giant that must have terrorised
other dinosaurs that came to the water's (14) edge
to drink." Another co-author of the study described how scary the
(15) beast was. She wrote: "It was so enormous,
almost everything in its habitat was on the
(16) menu."

edge
bone
predator
menu
details
beast
ancestors
complete

Cloze: Hazardous History

Fill in the gaps with a word from the box. The first one has been done as an example. There are 4 words that you don't need (distracters). 20 x 0.5 = 10 marks



Three centuries (0) ago, people had much shorter lives. In 1700, insurance companies put the (1) average life expectancy of a new-born baby at only fourteen years! The average life expectancy in the world (2) today is sixty-six years, and in some (3) countries it is much higher: in Japan or France, for (4) example, the average is more than eighty. This is mainly because of better diet, better hygiene and better healthcare. Even in the olden days though, it is (5) interesting that if people survived to be an adult they often (6) lived to be sixty or seventy.

Having children was much more dangerous in (7) those days: one in every nine women died in childbirth. Even so, women (8) used to have many more children than they do today: in 1800 the average (9) American family had seven children - today the average is (10) less than two. Perhaps the reason for this was that so many babies died: even a hundred years ago, 20% of children died (11) before they were five.

One reason that there were so many diseases was that people (12) knew much less about hygiene: even rich people didn't use to wash much - many people thought that it was (13) dangerous to take a bath, so they often bathed only once or twice (14) a year. Instead they used perfume to cover (15) body odours. Poor people didn't even have toilets or clean water and most had lice in (16) their hair, bodies, clothes and beds.

There was no toothpaste in those days (17) either and only rich people used toothbrushes. Of course, toothache was very (18) common, but there were no professional dentists until the (19) middle of the nineteenth century. Before that, if you had a toothache, you had to go to the barber's. He not only cut hair, but also used to take out (20) teeth and perform other small operations.

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body	change	common	contagious	countries
dangerous	either	example	interesting	knew
less	lived	middle	often	rats
teeth	their	those	today	used

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1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.

Complete the phrases with the correct prepositions.

AT - FOR - IN - OF - ON - TO - WITH

1. to be excellent at something
2. he is experienced in writing emails
3. ashamed of having failed
4. concentrate on something important
5. an answer to the question
6. proud of his son
7. famous for breath-taking sights
8. supply the customers with the right products
9. succeed in making a lot of money
10. similar to mine
11. respected for being an honest politician
12. deal with the problem later
13. keen on going to the cinema
14. sorry for having done something wrong
15. provide her with everything she needs
16. responsible for employing new workers
17. an expert on/in astronomy
18. fond of romantic films
19. congratulate him on his success
20. interested in pursuing a career
21. capable of getting to the top
22. to take pride in what you do
23. to be short of money
24. praise her for doing such a good job
25. cooperate with the competitor

Fill in the correct form of the verb given: Past or Present Perfect Simple

1. So far, Jill has read almost half of the book. **(READ)**
2. Do you know who invented the telephone? – It was Alexander Graham Bell. **(INVENT, BE)**
3. On her trip across Asia, Mum has visited three countries up to now. **(VISIT)**
4. How many books has he written in the last few years? **(HE WRITE)**
5. Martha lives in Dublin. She's lived there her whole life, ever since her dad died a few years ago. **(LIVE, DIE)**
6. Paul and Gina arrived an hour ago. They had problems with their flight. **(ARRIVE, HAVE)**
7. Drugs have become a huge problem in the United States. **(BECOME)**
8. Granddad has been in hospital since Monday. He has never been in hospital before. **(BE, NEVER BE)**
9. Have you ever seen the Queen in person? No, but I saw Prince Andrew at a concert a few months ago. **(YOU EVER SEE, SEE)**
10. Mozart wrote over 600 pieces of music during his lifetime. **(WRITE)**
11. They went to Spain on holiday last summer **(GO)**
12. I'm hungry. I haven't eaten anything for hours. **(NOT EAT)**
13. I have lost my key and can't find it anywhere. **(LOSE)**
14. He worked as a war correspondent during the second Iraq war. **(WORK)**
15. I had a huge meal for lunch and simply can't eat anything at the moment. **(HAVE)**
16. It hasn't rained yet this week, but last week it really rained a lot. **(NOT RAIN, RAIN)**
17. According to her statement, she stayed at the Crown Hotel from last Monday to Thursday. **(STAY)**
18. Who did you meet at the cinema last night? **(YOU MEET)**
19. I don't need any new driving lessons. I have already passed the test. **(ALREADY PASS)**
20. Fortunately, I have never broken any bones. **(NEVER BREAK)**
21. My cousins have been in Dublin since their childhood. Marvin went to America when he was 16 but only stayed there for a few years. Then he came back to Ireland. **(BE, GO, STAY, COME)**
22. I have washed the car. Now it looks great! **(WASH)**
23. She stopped smoking a few months ago. **(STOP)**
24. Back in March, I didn't have enough money to buy a new car. Now, I can afford one. **(NOT HAVE)**
25. Scientist have just made a major discovery in medicine. **(JUST MAKE)**

IF-CLAUSES – Type 2: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb given.

1. If I had a car, I would drive to school. (HAVE, DRIVE)
2. If she spoke foreign languages, she would get a job more easily. (SPEAK, GET)
3. I would go to a lawyer if I were you. (GO, BE)
4. If I won the lottery, I would prepare myself for a new life. (WIN, PREPARE)
5. If I found a purse on the sidewalk, I would take it to the lost and found office. (FIND, TAKE)
6. If I had my own car, I wouldn't have to take the bus to work every day. (HAVE, NOT HAVE)
7. Jane would be very happy if someone offered her a job. (BE, OFFER)
8. If she saw a mouse, she would panic. (SEE, PANIC)
9. If my dad earned more, we would spend our holidays abroad. (EARN, SPEND)
10. She wouldn't cough so much if she stopped smoking. (NOT COUGH, STOP)
11. If I gave my son a lot of money, he would spend all of it. (GIVE, SPEND)
12. I would try to get a better job if I had a university degree. (TRY, HAVE)
13. If you saw a dangerous animal in the street, what would you do? (SEE, YOU DO)
14. If dad worked harder, he wouldn't have to ask his boss for more money. (WORK, NOT HAVE)
15. I would see my friends more often if I had more free time. (SEE, HAVE)
16. I would eat the meat if it weren't so salty. (EAT, NOT BE)
17. If she asked for more help, I would not turn her down. (ASK, NOT TURN)
18. If I knew her address, I would send her an invitation. (KNOW, SEND)
19. If he weren't afraid of heights he would travel by plane. (NOT BE, TRAVEL)
20. I would take more photos if the camera worked. (TAKE, WORK)