

# "Bus-sized crocodiles once roamed the Earth"

## GAP FILL

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.

*study*  
*coasts*  
*experts*  
*buses*  
*size*  
*picture*  
*length*  
*ancient*

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*

# "China launches 'Clean Plate' food waste campaign"

## GAP FILL

China is taking (1) action to cut down on food waste. The government has started a new campaign to encourage people to think about the (2) amount of food they waste. It is called the "Clean Plate Campaign". President Xi Jinping wants people to (3) reduce the amount of food wasted. He called the waste "shocking and distressing". There are many (4) reports in China that a food crisis is coming. Food production has decreased because of the coronavirus and because of (5) floods in southern China. Experts say this will not lead to a (6) crisis, but the government wants people to pay more attention to how much food they leave on their (7) plate. President Xi said China had to "maintain a (8) sense of crisis about food security".

*reports*

*crisis*

*action*

*sense*

*reduce*

*plate*

*amount*

*floods*

Many restaurants are taking the campaign very (9) seriously. A restaurant in central China went a little too (10) far as it started weighing customers. It had to apologise to (11) diners who were offended at being weighed. It said: "We originally wanted customers to stop food waste and order food in a (12) healthy way." A restaurant in the capital Beijing told the Global Times newspaper: "We remind our guests when they (13) order too much food." Restaurants in Wuhan have started the N-1 (14) system. This is where groups of diners must order one (15) fewer dish than the number of people in the group. Earlier this year, the United Nations warned that the world could see its (16) worst food crisis in 50 years.

*diners*

*system*

*healthy*

*worst*

*seriously*

*fewer*

*far*

*order*

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## • Reading Comprehension Assessment

**Directions:** Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

### At the Movies

It was one of those terribly hot days in Baltimore. We always had those for about a month between July and August. They were the days that were so hot that they made you regret ever wishing it would be summer. That day in particular was hotter than I could remember it being. The weatherman on the radio said it would get up to 104°!

Needless to say, it was too hot to do anything outside. But it was also **scorching** in our apartment. This was 1962, and I would not live in a place with an air conditioner for another ten years. So my brother and I decided to leave the apartment to find someplace indoors. I suggested the drug store, because I wanted to get a soda or malt. But he reminded me that the drug store would not let you sit there all day, especially once the afternoon rush started. My brother instead suggested we could see a movie. It was a brilliant plan.



Movie theaters were one of the few places you could sit all day and—most important—sit in air conditioning. In those days, you could buy one ticket and sit through both movies of a double feature. Then, the theater would show the same two movies again after that. If you wanted to, you could sit through them twice. Most people did not do that, but the manager at our theater, Mr. Bellow, did not mind if you did.

That particular day, my brother and I sat through both movies twice, trying to escape the heat. We bought three bags of popcorn and three sodas each. Then, we sat and watched *The Music Man* followed by *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*. We'd already seen the second movie once before. It had been at the theater since January, because Mr. Bellow loved anything with John Wayne in it. Watching it again was better than going outside, and at least *The Music Man* was new to us.

We left the theater around 8, just before the evening shows began. Mr. Bellow was expecting a big crowd for the premier of *Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm*, so he insisted that we leave. But we returned the next day and saw the same two movies again, twice more. And we did it the next day too. Finally, on the fourth day, the heat wave broke.

Still, to this day I can sing half the songs in *The Music Man* and quote half of John Wayne and Jimmy Stewart's dialogue from *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*! Those memories are some of the few I have of the heat wave of 1962, and they're not really my memories. They're really memories of the screen, not memories of my life.

1) Based on its use in paragraph 2, the word **scorching** most nearly means

- A. **very hot**
- B. very dry
- C. very humid
- D. very affordable

2) According to the passage, when did the narrator first live in a place with an air conditioner?

- A. 1952
- B. 1962
- C. **1972**
- D. 1982

3) It can be assumed from the passage that the narrator saw *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*

- A. three times
- B. five times
- C. six times
- D. more than six times

4) Which of the following statements best explains why the narrator and his or her brother chose to see the same movies multiple times?

- A. The drug store would not let them inside.
- B. They wanted to avoid the heat outside.
- C. The manager at the theater was friendly.
- D. They were huge fans of John Wayne.

5) What does the narrator mean when he or she writes that the memories are “not really my memories” in the final paragraph?

- A. that he or she is remembering scenes from a film, not scenes from his or her life
- B. that the only days of the summer of 1962 that he or she remembers are those days spent in the movie theater
- C. that the memories are actually those of the narrator’s brother, not the narrator himself or herself
- D. that he or she saw the films too many times and now can only remember what happened in them

6) In this passage, we learn about someone who watches the same movies over and over. Is there any movie or show that you have seen multiple times? Why did you watch it so much? Do you still remember specific scenes or dialogue from it? What made you remember those things? Explain.

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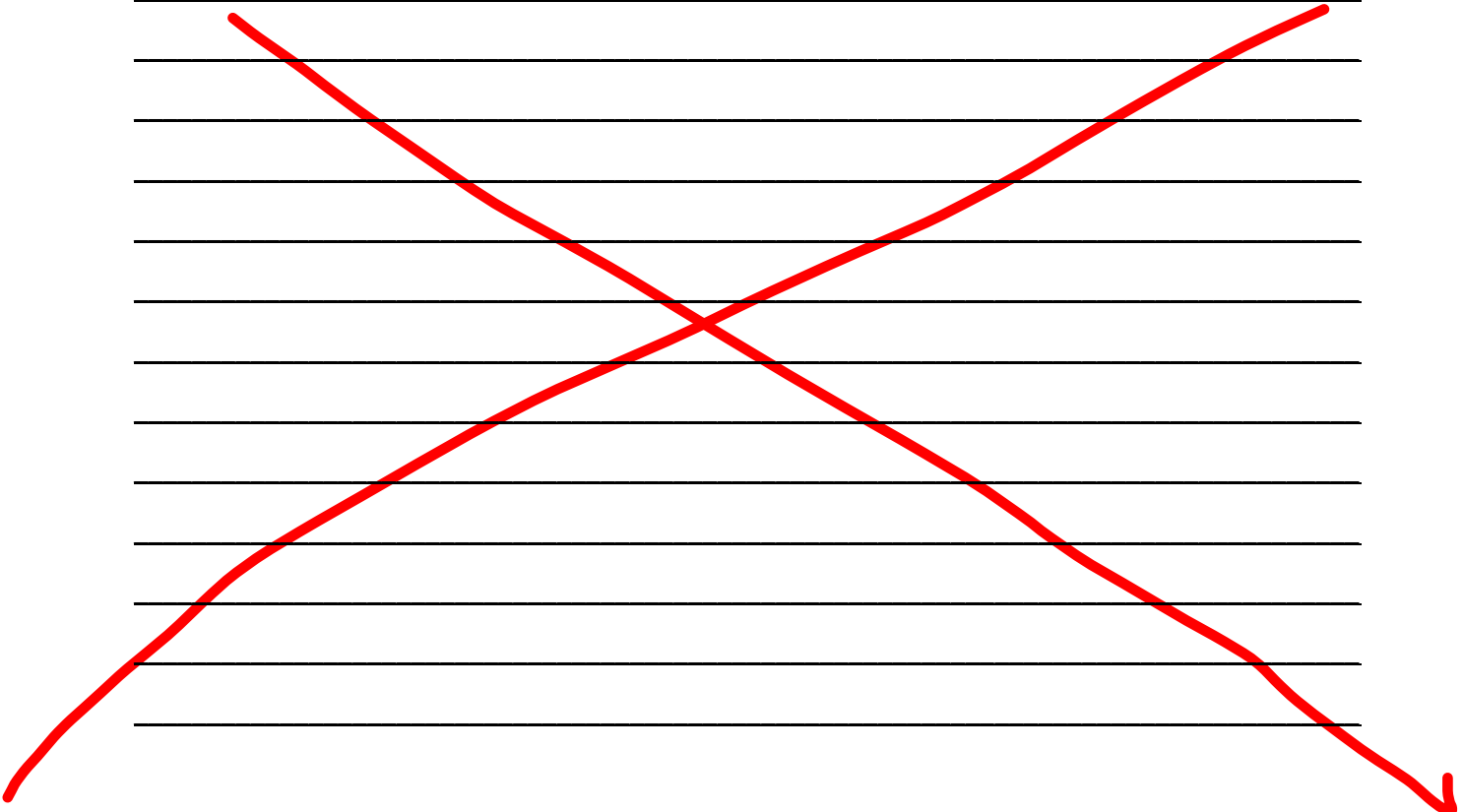
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Complete the phrases with the correct prepositions.

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

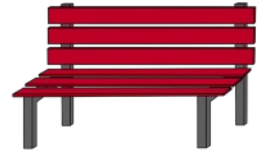
1. to be excellent at something
2. he is experienced in writing emails
3. ashamed of having failed
4. concentrate on something important
5. an answer to the question
6. proud of his son
7. famous for breath-taking sights
8. supply the customers with the right products
9. succeed in making a lot of money
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)**

## KEY

1. with / you / have / flowers / any / needn't / brought / you  
**You needn't have brought any flowers with you.**
2. at least / had / we / ten minutes / wait / for / to  
**We had to wait for at least ten minutes.**
3. were / they / when / I / a game / playing / the room / entered  
**They were playing a game when I entered the room.**
4. a hat / she / on Sundays / goes / wears / she / usually / when / to church  
**She usually wears a hat when she goes to church on Sundays.**
5. early / was / in the morning / the sun / shining  
**The sun was shining early in the morning.**
6. used / drinking / is / in the morning / tea / to / she  
**She is used to drinking tea in the morning.**
7. would / he / understand / clearly / spoke / we / if / him  
**If he spoke clearly we would understand him.  
We would understand him if he spoke clearly.**
8. don't / like / tonight / to the cinema / I / feel / going  
**I don't feel like going to the cinema tonight.**
9. as possible / managed / as soon / the / money / Harry / get / to  
**Harry managed to get the money as soon as possible.**
10. always / complaining / about / he / his work / keeps  
**He always keeps complaining about his work.**
11. forward / am / I / again / to / you / looking / seeing  
**I am looking forward to seeing you again.**
12. watch / on / there / last night / nothing / to / TV / was  
**There was nothing to watch on TV last night.**
13. written / plays / has / up to now / several / my brother  
**My brother has written several plays up to now.**
14. \$1 / would / if / gave / we / have / everyone / enough  
**If everyone gave \$1 we would have enough.**
15. stay / I / to / same hotel / I / always / at / when / the / go / Paris  
**When I go to Paris I always stay at the same hotel.  
I always stay at the same hotel when I go to Paris.**



# Spelling Words

## Spelling Worksheet

**Circle the word on each row that rhymes with the word on the left.**

EX>

perfect	pages	collect	puzzle
editor	creditor	rode	cent
cell	bawl	splendid	shell
wrong	writer	long	cause
worried	hurried	shout	later
bench	choice	rude	trench
life	knife	clue	able
follow	label	walk	swallow





# Rhyming Words

## Spelling Worksheet

**Circle the word on each row that rhymes with the word on the left.**

traded	foot	behind	skated
great	life	plate	wonder
bear	share	square	perfect
bounce	true	enjoy	announce
grows	blows	follow	tiny
throw	alive	giant	low
speak	girl	leak	drawing
sale	cell	look	whale