

"Bus-sized crocodiles once roamed the Earth"

GAP FILL

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

study
coasts
experts
buses
size
picture
length
ancient

Co-author of the study Dr Adam Cossette gave (9) _____ of how he thought the crocodiles lived. He said they lived between 75 and 82 million years ago and are the (10) _____ of today's crocodiles and alligators. He wrote about his research on the (11) _____ parts he studied. He said: "Until now, the (12) _____ animal was unknown. These new specimens we've examined reveal a bizarre, monstrous (13) _____ 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) _____ to drink." Another co-author of the study described how scary the (15) _____ was. She wrote: "It was so enormous, almost everything in its habitat was on the (16) _____."

edge
bone
predator
menu
details
beast
ancestors
complete

"China launches 'Clean Plate' food waste campaign"

GAP FILL

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

reports

crisis

action

sense

reduce

plate

amount

floods

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

diners

system

healthy

worst

seriously

fewer

far

order

Name _____
 Date _____

• 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

Complete the phrases with the correct prepositions.

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

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

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

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

Write affirmative sentences in the correct word order.

1. with / you / have / flowers / any / needn't / brought / you

_____ .

2. at least / had / we / ten minutes / wait / for / to

_____ .

3. were / they / when / I / a game / playing / the room / entered

_____ .

4. a hat / she / on Sundays / goes / wears / she / usually / when / to church

_____ .

5. early / was / in the morning / the sun / shining

_____ .

6. used / drinking / is / in the morning / tea / to / she

_____ .

7. would / he / understand / clearly / spoke / we / if /him

_____ .

8. don't / like / tonight / to the cinema / I / feel / going

_____ .

9. as possible / managed / as soon / the / money / Harry / get / to

_____ .

10. always / complaining / about / he / his work / keeps

_____ .

11. forward / am / I / again / to / you / looking / seeing

_____ .

12. watch / on / there / last night / nothing / to / TV / was

_____ .

13. written / plays / has / up to now / several / my brother

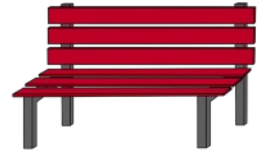
_____ .

14. \$1 / would / if / gave / we / have / everyone / enough

_____ .

15. stay / I / to / same hotel / I / always / at / when / the / go / 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