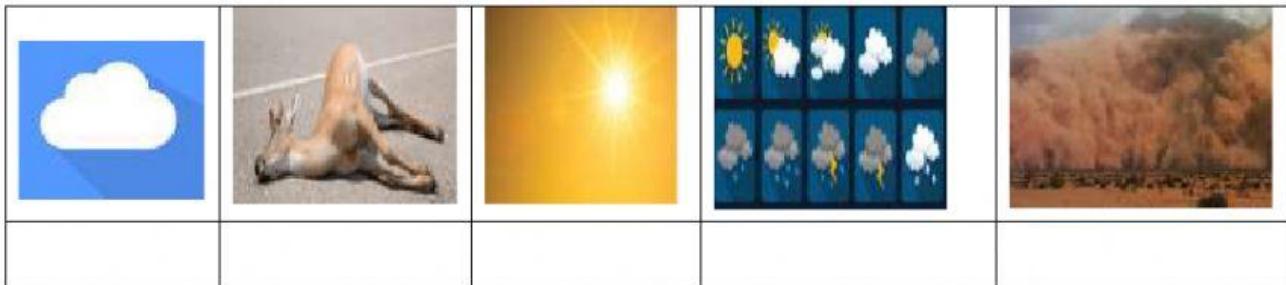


MATCH THE WORDS IN **BLUE** FROM THE READING WITH THE CORRESPONDING PICTURE



## MASS EXTINCTION

Mass extinction is the disappearance of a large number of the Earth's species. The most devastating extinction was at the end of the Permian period; an estimated 95% of marine species and 60% of insects disappeared about 245 million years ago as a consequence of huge volcanic eruptions.

The most famous mass extinction was in the end of the Cretaceous period, when the dinosaurs and many other plants and animals disappeared and up to 75% of all marine life **died**. It occurred 65 million years ago. A theory says that a big asteroid with a diameter of 10km hit the planet and created a big **cloud** of rocks, **dust**, and sulfur in the air that blocked the **sunlight**. Catastrophic **climate change** did not let dinosaurs survive.

Choose the correct answer.

1. What was the most devastating mass extinction that our planet faced?

- a. Permian extinction
- b. Jurassic extinction
- c. Cretaceous extinction

2. What caused the dinosaurs' extinction?

- a. volcanic eruptions
- b. cold weather
- c. a meteorite

3. When did dinosaurs go extinct?

- a. 245 million years ago
- b. 65 million years ago