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Vocabulary

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9.6.2 The Fossil Hunters

Word List

1. 

arduous [ˈɑːrdjʊəs] adj.

When something is **arduous**, it demands great effort or labor.

→ *The explorers began their **arduous** hike up the steep mountain.*

2. 

attain [əˈtein] v.

To **attain** something means to gain or achieve it, often after a lot of effort.

→ *In two more years, I will **attain** my high school diploma.*

3. 

coexist [ˈkouigˈzist] v.

To **coexist** with something means to exist with it in the same time and place.

→ *Our pets **coexist** at our home with little or no problems.*

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4. 

conceive [kənˈsiːv] v.

To **conceive** something means to be able to imagine or believe it.

→ *The child could not **conceive** the actual size of the Earth.*

5. 

dubious [ˈdjuːbiəs] adj.

When something or someone is **dubious**, they are not considered honest.

→ *The police thought that the man's description of the crime was **dubious**.*

6. 

ego [ˈiːgou] n.

An **ego** is a person's sense of their own worth.

→ *Kelly's **ego** made her think that she was some kind of a superhero.*

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7. 

elastic [iˈlæstik] n.

Elastic is a rubber that stretches when it is pulled.

→ *He attached the **elastic** bungee to his legs before he jumped off the platform.*

8. 

endeavor [enˈdevər] n.

An **endeavor** is an attempt to do something, especially something new or original.

→ *The company's new advertising **endeavor** ended in a horrible failure.*

9. 

engrave [inˈgreiv] v.

To **engrave** means to cut a design or words into the surface of something.

→ *The couple **engraved** their names onto the old pine tree.*

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10.



excavate [ˈekskəveit] v.

To **excavate** means to dig on land and remove dirt to look for something.

→ *The team wishes to **excavate** the site in hopes of finding fossils.*

11.



jagged [ˈdʒægid] adj.

When something is **jagged**, it has a tough, uneven shape or edge.

→ *The swimmer was hurt when he fell on the **jagged** rocks.*

12.



locale [louˈkæl] n.

A **locale** is a small area or place where something specific happens.

→ *The spa was the perfect **locale** for my mother to relax and enjoy her vacation.*

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13. 

mold [mould] n.

A **mold** is a hollow container that is used to make certain shapes.

→ *Using a cupcake **mold** will ensure that they come out just right.*

14. 

outright [autˈrait] adj.

When something is **outright**, it is open and direct.

→ *Everyone knew that the boy's story was an **outright** lie.*

15. 

periphery [pəˈrifəri] n.

The **periphery** of an area, place, or thing is the edge of it.

→ *A beautiful floral pattern is on the **periphery** of the stationery.*

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16.



plaster [ˈplæstər] n.

Plaster is a smooth paste that gets hard when it dries.

→ *He used **plaster** to fill in the cracks in the old walls.*

17.



shovel [ˈʃʌvəl] n.

A **shovel** is a tool with a long handle that is used for digging.

→ *The boy grabbed his **shovel** and got all of the snow off of the sidewalk.*

18.



skeletal [ˈskelətl] adj.

When something is **skeletal**, it relates to bones in the body.

→ *We studied the **skeletal** system in anatomy class.*

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19.



terrestrial [təˈrestriəl] adj.

If something is **terrestrial**, it relates to Earth.

→ *There are billions of **terrestrial** life forms.*

20.



vicious [ˈviʃəs] adj.

When something or someone is **vicious**, they are violent and cruel.

→ *The **vicious** dog tried to bite the small child.*

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