

Asking about Existence in the Past

1. Read and complete the table:

There was There wasn't There were
There weren't any Was there Were there any

There was / There were

There was and There were describe things and places in the past we add "any" after the negative plural. We use "Was there" / "Were there any" to ask yes/no questions.

	<i>Singular</i>	<i>Plural</i>
<i>Affirmative</i>	(1) _____ an egg in the nest.	(2) _____ eggs in the nest.
<i>Negative</i>	(3) _____ an egg.	(4) _____ eggs.
<i>Interrogative</i>	(5) _____ an egg? Yes, there was. / No, there wasn't.	(6) _____ eggs? Yes, there were. / No, there weren't.

2. Look, read and click on the right option.



- Was / Were** there a mother dinosaur near the nest?
Yes, there **was / were**.
- Was / Were** there **any / some** birds in the nest?
No, there **wasn't / weren't**.
- Was / Were** there any baby dinosaurs in the eggs?
Yes, there **was / were**.

3. Look, read and complete the sentences with the correct words.

There was There were There weren't any was

- I _____ alive in the Jurassic Period.
- _____ a volcano near my home.
- _____ a stegosaurus in my
neighbourhood, too.
- But _____ bees or butterflies.

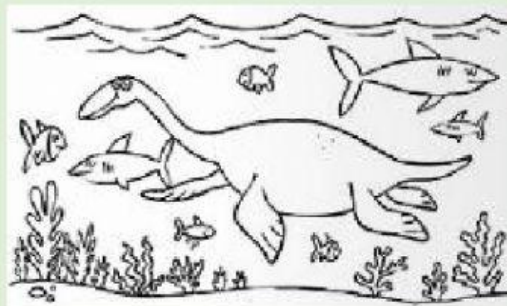


5. I _____ in the ocean millions
of years ago!

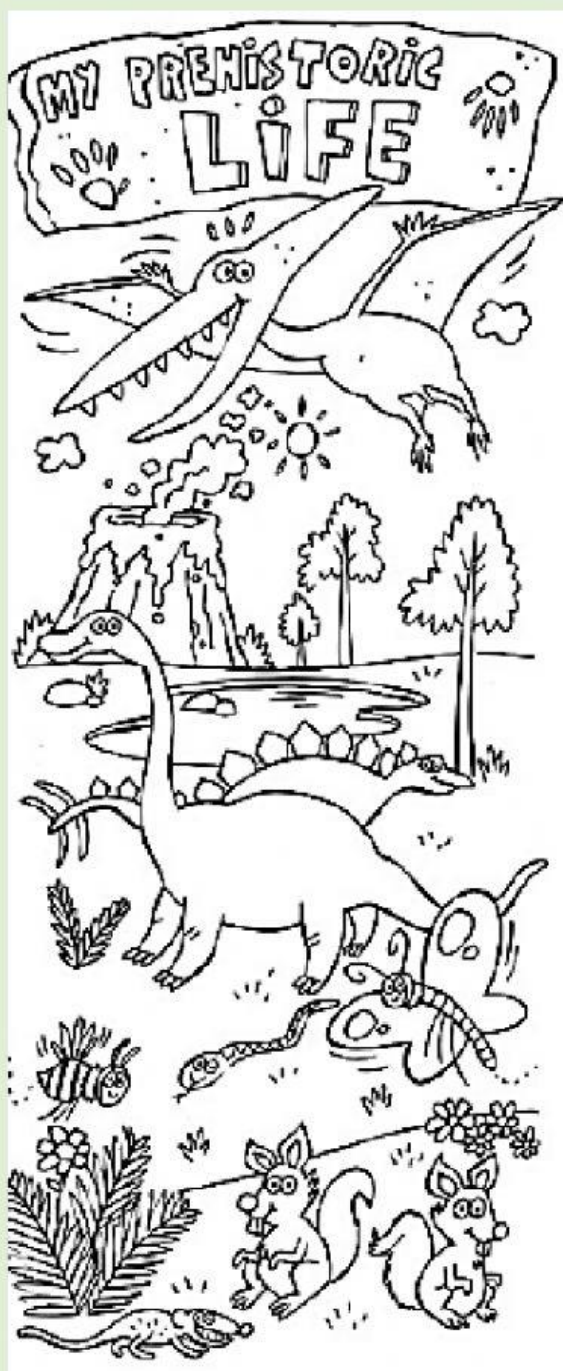
6. _____ a lot of sea plants in
my neighbourhood.

7. But _____ whales.

8. _____ sharks! Watch out!



4. Unscramble the questions



1. there / bees / any / Were

_____?

No, there _____.

2. any / reptiles / there / Were

_____?

Yes, there _____.

3. flowers / there / any / Were

_____?

No, there _____.

4. Were / there / ferns / any

_____?

Yes, there _____.

5. there / any / Were / trees

_____?

Yes, there _____.

6. mammals / any / there / Were

_____?

Yes, there _____.

7. there / Was / a volcano

_____?

Yes, there _____.

8. any / Were / dinosaurs / there

_____?

Yes, there _____.