

ACTIVITY 1: PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS INTO THE CORRECT FORM OF THE SIMPLE PAST.

a) BEFORE THE POLAR BEAR AND THE GRIZZLY BEAR, THERE WAS THE SHORT-FACED BEAR, WHICH 1 _____ (CAN) WEIGH UP TO 2000 POUNDS (907 KILOGRAMS). PEOPLE 2 _____ (GIVE) IT A NICKNAME: THE "BULLDOG BEAR". IT 3 _____ (BE) HIGHLY CARNIVOROUS. IT 4 _____ (HUNT) STEPPE HORSES, ANTELOPES AND, SOMETIMES, DIRE WOLVES AND SMILODONS. IT 5 _____ (RUN) FASTER THAN TODAY'S BEARS AND 6 _____ (HAVE) POWERFUL JAWS. IT 7 _____ (DISAPPEAR) 11,000 YEARS AGO. IT WAS ALSO HUNTED BY HUMANS FOR FUR AND MEAT



b) THE DODO 8 _____ (BE) A FLIGHTLESS BIRD THAT 9 _____ (LIVE) ON THE ISLAND OF MAURITIUS. IT WAS DISCOVERED IN 1598 BY SAILORS WHO 10 _____ (LAND) ON THE



SHORES OF MAURITIUS. HUMANS, DOGS AND PIGS 11 _____ (HUNT) THEM UNTIL THEY 12 _____ (BE) EXTINCT BY 1681. WITH HUMANS KILLING THE DODO, THE MAURITIAN CALVARIA TREE 13 _____ (BECOME) EXTINCT ITSELF. THE CALVARIA TREE 14 _____ (CAN) ONLY SPROUT AFTER HAVING BEEN EATEN AND DIGESTED BY THE DODO BIRD.