

Reading Comprehension

Multiple Choice. Choose the best answer for each question.

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| Purpose | 1. What is the main purpose of the reading?
a. to explain how paleontologists find dinosaur fossils
b. to compare <i>T. rex</i> and <i>Deinocheirus</i>
c. to talk about different dinosaur discoveries in Mongolia
d. to describe an unusual type of dinosaur |
| Detail | 2. Which of these can we definitely say about <i>Deinocheirus</i> ?
a. Its body was the same size as that of <i>T. Rex</i> .
b. Scientists believe its body was very small but with very long arms.
c. Its body was the same size as that of an ostrich.
d. Scientists are still trying to find out the size of its body. |
| Paraphrase | 3. In lines 9–10, it says, <i>But since the original discovery, they have dug up only a few other bones of this dinosaur.</i> What does this mean?
a. Only a few bones were found in the original discovery.
b. The dinosaur found in the original discovery didn't have many bones.
c. They haven't found very many bones since the original discovery.
d. They have found no new bones since the original discovery. |
| Reference | 4. What does <i>this</i> refer to in line 17?
a. <i>Deinocheirus</i> ' leg bone
b. a modern-day ostrich
c. the length of <i>Deinocheirus</i> ' arm
d. <i>Deinocheirus</i> ' body size |
| Main Idea | 5. The main idea of the third paragraph is that <i>Deinocheirus</i> _____.
a. may have had a very large body
b. was a very small dinosaur
c. was probably not an <i>ornithomimid</i>
d. probably lived in tall trees |
| Vocabulary | 6. What does the word <i>evidence</i> mean in line 24?
a. information
b. questions
c. mysteries
d. beliefs |
| Inference | 7. Which statement would Thomas Holtz probably agree with?
a. <i>Deinocheirus</i> was an <i>ornithomimid</i> .
b. Scientists have a clear idea of what <i>Deinocheirus</i> looked like.
c. <i>Deinocheirus</i> was probably larger than <i>T. rex</i> .
d. There is still a lot we don't know about <i>Deinocheirus</i> . |



Did You Know?

Also known as "Elvisaurus," *Cryolophosaurus* had a head crest that was similar to Elvis Presley's 1950s haircut.

Vocabulary Practice

A. Words in Context. Complete each sentence with the correct answer.

1. If you **examine** something, you _____.
a. look at it quickly b. study it closely
2. A **mystery** is something you _____ explain.
a. can b. cannot
3. An example of an **opinion** is _____.
a. "Dinosaurs were reptiles." b. "Dinosaurs are very interesting."
4. If something is **terrible**, it makes you feel _____.
a. bad or afraid b. happy or relaxed
5. You **dig up** something that is _____ the surface.
a. above b. below

B. Completion. Complete the information using the correct form of words from the box. One word is extra.

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The largest ever flying animal lived 85 million years ago. It was a type of pterosaur (or "flying reptile") called *Quetzalcoatlus*. When this animal's wings were 1. _____, each was about 12 meters (40 feet). That is the 2. _____ of some airplanes! But did pterosaurs come from a smaller animal? And how did pterosaurs learn to fly? For years, paleontologists have been 3. _____ answers to these questions.

Recently, one of the smallest pterosaurs was discovered in China by a team of Chinese and Brazilian paleontologists. In 4. _____, the tiny pterosaur (called *N. crypticus*) was a small, toothless reptile with feet similar to those of a bird. Scientists 5. _____ that *N. crypticus* lived about 120 million years ago.

✓ *Quetzalcoatlus* was the largest animal ever to fly.



Word Partnership Use **opinion** with:
(adj.) **different** opinion, **expert** opinion,
honest opinion, **popular** opinion; (v.) **ask** an
opinion, **give** an opinion, **share** an opinion.

