

A journey back to the Mesozoic!

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Target Audience: B1-B1+ high school students.

Objectives:

- Identification of paraphrase in texts.
- Development of Skimming and Scanning abilities.
- Use of idioms and synonyms.
- Expression of opinion.

Listening.

1.- Listen to Pablo's voice message for his friend Carlos and answer the questions below.

1.- Pablo Messaged Carlos to:

- a) Tell him about his favorite tv series.
- b) Tell him about an old tv series.
- c) Tell him about a new dinosaur series.
- d) Tell him about a boring tv series.

2.- Pablo mentions that the series:

- a) Will feature new dinosaur species.
- b) Will feature old dinosaur species.
- c) Will feature made-up dinosaur species.
- d) Will feature old and new dinosaur species.

3.- Pablo sounds:

- a) Thrilled for the new tv series.
- b) Nonchalant for the new tv series.
- c) Thrilled to see a tyrannosaur.
- d) Nonchalant to see a tyrannosaur.

2.- Listen to Carlos response to Pablo's message. Answer the following questions.

4.- Why does Carlos not want to see the T. rex on th tv series?

A:_____.

5.- Carlos mentioned other *tyrannosaurids** like _____ and Daspletosaurus.

A:_____.

6.- Carlos mentioned allosaurus' crests were:

A:_____.

Reading.

Read the following article from the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)'s Media Centre Web page. Answer the questions bellow.

Online source: <https://www.bbc.com/mediacentre/2024/walking-with-dinosaurs-returns>

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Walking With Dinosaurs returns to BBC One and BBC iPlayer

This new six-part series will take viewers on a unique journey back through time

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Watch a teaser for the new series...

“A whole new generation of viewers is about to fall in love with Walking With Dinosaurs. Each episode is underpinned by the very latest science but is also filled with drama - making this a series for both dino lovers and people who just want to be told a great story”

— Jack Bootle, BBC Head of Commissioning, Specialist Factual

Twenty five years after it first stomped across our TV screens, the iconic Walking With Dinosaurs is returning in a major new BBC Studios production for the BBC and PBS, co-produced with ZDF and France Télévisions. Arriving next year, this new six-part series will take viewers on a unique journey back through time, revealing the incredible life stories of these long-lost giants.

In an exciting reimagining of one of the BBC's best loved factual shows, each episode of Walking With Dinosaurs tells the dramatic story of an individual dinosaur whose remains are currently being unearthed by the world's leading dinosaur hunters. Thanks to cutting-edge science, experts can work out how these prehistoric creatures lived, hunted, fought and died more accurately than ever before. As the dinosaur's bones emerge from the ground, the series bring these prehistoric stories to life with state-of-the-art visual effects - making each episode a gripping dinosaur drama based on the very latest evidence.

Across the six episodes on BBC One and BBC iPlayer we will meet a range of spectacular dinosaur species in an array of prehistoric landscapes. These include a Spinosaurus - the largest carnivorous dinosaur to ever walk the earth - roaming the rivers of ancient Morocco; a youthful Triceratops battling a ravenous T. rex in North America; and a lonely giant Lusotitan risking it all for a love in Portugal.

There's never been a better time to travel back to the prehistoric. We're living through a golden age of palaeontology that is transforming our understanding of dinosaurs. Around 50 new species are being identified every year, and science is revealing extraordinary new details about dinosaur biology and behaviour. Across the globe, hundreds of dinosaur experts are currently scouring the wilds for new dig sites, and this series has exclusive access to some of the very best.

Jack Bootle, BBC Head of Commissioning, Specialist Factual, says: "A whole new generation of viewers is about to fall in love with Walking With Dinosaurs. The original series was one of the most exciting factual shows of all time, and this reinvention

builds on that amazing legacy. Each episode is underpinned by the very latest science but is also filled with drama - making this a series for both dino lovers and people who just want to be told a great story."

Sylvia Bugg, PBS Chief Programming Executive and General Manager, General Audience Programming, says: "Our human fascination with dinosaurs has remained steadfast, and we are excited to bring PBS audiences this reimagined perspective on these dynamic creatures, combining engaging narratives, backed by the latest science. As production on this series is in early stages, we look forward to sharing more over the coming year through first-look previews and educational resources, giving audiences a deeper understanding of the dinosaurs' existence."

Andrew Cohen, Head of BBC Studios Science Unit, says: "There is no bigger science series than Walking with Dinosaurs and we are incredibly excited to be bringing this much-loved brand to a whole new generation of audiences around the world. It's the ultimate dinosaur show, where you'll be hiding behind the sofa one moment and having your mind blown the next. The prehistoric world meets premium documentary production, like never before."

Walking With Dinosaurs 6x60 was commissioned for BBC One and BBC iPlayer by Jack Bootle, Head of Commissioning, Specialist Factual. Bill Gardner is Editorial Consultant for PBS. Diana El-Osta is the Executive in Charge for PBS. It is a BBC Studios Science Unit Production co-produced with ZDF and France Télévisions for BBC and PBS. The Executive Producers are Andrew Cohen and Helen Thomas; the Showrunner is Kirsty Wilson; the Producer/Directors are Stephen Cooter; Tom Hewitson and Owen Gower; and the Line Producers are Max Brunold and Libby Hand. The BBC Commissioning Editor is Tom Coveney.

- [Watch the first series of Walking With Dinosaurs on BBC iPlayer](#)

1.- The article is about:

- a) A brand-new tv series.
- b) A remake of an old tv series.
- c) A discarded tv series.
- d) A proposal for a tv series.

2.- The series' target audience is:

- a) Dinosaur enthusiasts.
- b) People that love drama.
- c) Both audiences.
- d) English students.

3.- The series will be released:

- a) In 2024.
- b) In june 2024.
- c) In 2025.
- d) In june 2025.

4.- The series will be available:

- a) In Netflix and BBC One.
- b) In BBC One and BBC iPlayer.
- c) In BBC One and Paramount+.
- d) In Netflix and BBC iPlayer.

5.- The series will be divided:

- a) In two episodes.
- b) In six episodes.
- c) In two short series.
- d) In six short series.

Writing.

Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Mark each sentence and justify your answer by citing a part of the article.

1.- Walking with dinosaurs was first aired a quarter of a century ago. ____.

J:_____.

2.- The series will follow the story of a famous dinosaur through the six episodes. ____.

J:_____.

3.- Experts are no longer looking for new sites to look for fossils . ____.

J:_____.

4.- Walking with dinosaurs prioritizes scientific facts for its development. ____.

J:_____.

5.- A great investing was done in the creation of this tv series . ____.

J:_____.

Use of english.

Read the following sentences taken from the article. Explain the meaning of the underlined words in each one of the sentences.

1.- "Twenty-five years after it first **stomped across** our TV screens..."

_____.

2.- "Thanks to **cutting-edge science**, experts can work out..."

_____.

3.- "...hundreds of dinosaur experts are currently **scouring the wilds** for new dig sites..."

_____.

4.- "A whole new generation of viewers is about to **fall in love** with Walking With Dinosaurs..."

_____.

5.- "Our human fascination with dinosaurs has remained **steadfast**"

Speaking.

1.- Work in pairs. Talk with a classmate, discuss, what do you think about the article. Are you a dinosaur lover? Would you watch this documentary? Why? Do you know other dinosaur programmes?

2.- Record yourself! make an audio response to Pablo's message. Tell him what you think about the series. 1 min. aprox.

Glosary.

Tyrannosaurid: Theropod dinosaurs belonging to the *Tyrannosauridae* family, a clade that comprehends some of the biggest carnivore dinosaurs like T. rex, Daspletosaurus and Yutirannus for example.

Electronic references:

- "Walking With Dinosaurs returns to BBC One and BBC iPlayer" June 4, 2024, by The BBC, Available on: <https://www.bbc.com/mediacentre/2024/walking-with-dinosaurs-returns>