

DIRECTIONS: Listen to the story and complete the blanks with the correct word. (21 pts.)

THE FOSSIL HUNTERS

Tim and Dean were great fossil hunters. They were the very best at finding dinosaur bones. Although Tim and Dean were quite similar, they were _____ enemies. The two men got into _____ arguments all the time. They couldn't _____ peacefully because their _____ were too large. Tim thought he was the best fossil hunter, while Dean was sure that he was much better than Tim.

One day, Tim was searching for fossils on the _____ of the city when he discovered a huge bone. He had never seen anything like it! He took his _____ and carefully _____ the dirt around it. As he dug, he uncovered more _____ bones. He realized that he had found an entire dinosaur _____. Tim couldn't _____ a plan to remove the huge skeleton all by himself. Such an _____ would be too _____. He needed help. He tried to think of people who would be capable of helping him remove the skeleton without breaking it. The only person Tim could think of was Dean, his enemy.

Tim ran into the city to find Dean. Tim found him and said, "Dean, I've found the _____ remains of a huge _____ animal. But I can't get the skeleton out by myself. Will you please help me?"

Dean thought that Tim's claim might be _____. He replied, "If you're serious about the skeleton, I'll help."

Tim excitedly showed Dean the skeleton's _____. They worked together to carefully remove each bone. And to keep the bones together, they tied them with _____ strips. When they were finished, they had _____ a perfect skeleton. They used _____ to make a _____ of the dinosaur's skull. They _____ their initials into it and gave it to the curator of a local museum.

Tim and Dean found out that they could work very well together. They decided to end their feud and become friends. By combining their talents, the men became even greater than they were before.