TECHNICAL ENGLISH

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Fossil found of giant car-sized insect

I. Match sentences and translations. Write a number in the parentheses

If you are afraid of insects, this might be difficult reading. ( ) A fossil found on a beach in England shows that the biggest bug that ever lived was the size of a small car. ( ) The fossil is of a giant millipede. ( ) This monster creature could have had hundreds of legs. ( ) Although the name "millipede" means "one thousand legs" in Latin, few species actually have 1,000 feet. ( ) There is one species that can have 1,300 legs. ( ) The fossil hunters in England said what they found is "definitely the biggest bug that ever lived". ( ) They said the millipede was around 2.7 metres long and weighed over 50kg. ( ) This would have been a scary sight. ( ) It would need a huge amount of insect spray to keep it away. ( )

1. Esto habría sido un espectáculo aterrador.
2. Aunque el nombre "milpiés" significa "mil patas" en latín, pocas especies en realidad tienen 1,000 pies.
3. Hay una especie que puede tener 1300 patas.
4. Si le teme a los insectos, esto puede le resultar difícil de leer.
5. Se necesitaría una gran cantidad de insecticida para mantenerlo alejado.
6. El fósil es de un milpiés gigante.
7. Un fósil encontrado en una playa de Inglaterra muestra que el bicho más grande que jamás haya existido fue del tamaño de un auto pequeño.
8. Los cazadores de fósiles en Inglaterra dijeron que lo que encontraron es "definitivamente el insecto más grande que jamás haya existido".
9. Dijeron que el milpiés medía alrededor de 2,7 metros de largo y pesaba más de 50 kg.
10. Esta criatura monstruosa podría haber tenido cientos de piernas.

The scientists found the fossil by chance. ( ) A lecturer at the University of Cambridge's department of earth sciences said they found a rock on the beach. ( ) It had recently fallen from a cliff. ( ) He said: "It was a complete fluke of a discovery. ( ) It was an incredibly exciting find." ( ) He explained that the fossil dates back over 326 million years. ( ) This was 100 million years before the Age of the Dinosaurs. ( ) The researchers believe that the millipede had a high-nutrient diet because it was so huge. ( ) They said: "While we can't know for sure what they ate, there were plenty of nutritious nuts and seeds available...at the time." ( ) They may also have eaten frogs and lizards, but not humans (or any of our ancient ancestors). ( )

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1. Explicó que el fósil se remonta a más de 326 millones de años.
2. También pueden haber comido ranas y lagartos, pero no humanos (o cualquiera de nuestros ancestros).
3. Dijo: "Fue un descubrimiento totalmente fortuito.
4. Esto fue 100 millones de años antes de la Era de los Dinosaurios.
5. Los científicos encontraron el fósil por casualidad.
6. Los investigadores creen que el milpiés tenía una dieta rica en nutrientes porque era muy grande.
7. Recientemente se había caído de un acantilado.
8. Dijeron: "Si bien no podemos saber con certeza qué comieron, había muchas nueces y semillas nutritivas disponibles ... en ese momento".
9. Fue un descubrimiento increíblemente emocionante ".
10. Un profesor del departamento de ciencias de la tierra de la Universidad de Cambridge dijo que encontraron una roca en la playa.

II. Match Words and Meanings

Paragraph 1

1	huge		A group of the same living things that can produce babies together.
2	definitely		Feeling fear or great worry; frightened.
3	species		Without doubt.
4	creature		A very, very, very old plant or animal in rock.
5	fossil		Very, very, very big.
6	bug		An animal, but not a human being.
7	afraid		A small insect.

Paragraph 2

8	ancestors		There and ready to be used now.
9	available		Not on purpose.
10	plenty		The kinds of food that a person or animal usually eats.
11	diet		More than enough.
12	fluke		People from our family who lived a long time before our grandparents.
13	recently		An unlikely chance event, especially a surprising piece of luck.
14	by chance		At a time in the past close to now.

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III. Complete this chart

	Infinitive form	Simple past form	Past participle form	Meaning
1	find			Hallar, encontrar.
2	show			Mostrar.
3	live			Vivir.
4	have			Tener, comer, beber. Vb Aux. haber
5	say			Decir, contar, narrar.
6	need			Necesitar, requerir.
7	keep			Mantener
8	Explain			Explicar

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