

Vocabulary

Directions Choose the word from the box that best completes each sentence. Write the word on the line shown to the left.

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| _____ | 1. No one is really sure how the dinosaurs vanished, or became _____. |
| _____ | 2. Some think a giant asteroid collided with the Earth and _____ it into darkness. |
| _____ | 3. Some dinosaurs looked as though they were covered in heavy, protective _____. |
| _____ | 4. Although they looked strong, they were not protected from starvation, a painful and _____ way to die. |
| _____ | 5. Today, a scientist who finds any remains from the age of the dinosaurs covers, or _____, them in special boxes that will preserve them into the future. |

Check the Words You Know

_____armor
 _____encases
 _____extinct
 _____hideous
 _____plunged
 _____serpent

Directions Fill in the crossword puzzle using the clues below.

DOWN

6. very ugly, horrible
 7. protective covering
 8. covers completely

ACROSS

9. snake
 10. no longer existing

