

Vocabulary

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

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.

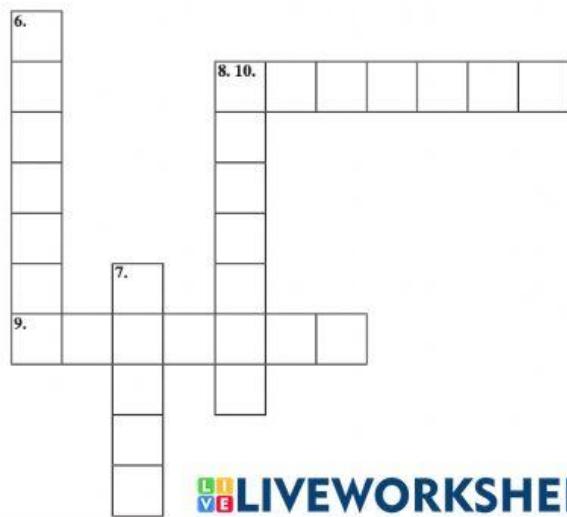
Directions Fill in the crossword puzzle using the clues below.

DOWN

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

ACROSS

9. snake
10. no longer existing

**Check the Words You Know**

- armor
- encases
- extinct
- hideous
- plunged
- serpent