



Multiple-choice cloze

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

World's oldest dinosaur

Scientists have confirmed that a set of fossilized bones, first (0) in the 1930s in Tanzania and then sent to London's Natural History Museum to be (1) , are those of a Labrador-sized dinosaur that lived at least 10 to 15 million years earlier than the previous oldest-known dinosaur. Having recently examined the fossils, the scientists have (2) that the dinosaur probably stood (3) on two legs and was about three metres long. They also found the creature's arm bones (4) the key characteristics of dinosaurs and that it must have grown rapidly, another distinguishing (5) of dinosaurs. However, they do not know whether it was a carnivore or herbivore because no teeth or jaws have been (6) The research team believe that their findings (7) that dinosaurs evolved earlier than many believe as the fossils have been (8) to between 247 million and 235 million years ago, a geological period known as the Triassic when Africa was part of a giant supercontinent called Pangaea, which included South America, the Antarctic and Australia.

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| 0 A revealed | B exposed | C <u>unearthed</u> | D exhumed |
| 1 A housed | B deposited | C collected | D stored |
| 2 A concluded | B thought | C outlined | D figured |
| 3 A upright | B vertical | C upward | D raised |
| 4 A carry | B display | C illustrate | D involve |
| 5 A aspect | B part | C feature | D point |
| 6 A rescued | B preserved | C sustained | D conserved |
| 7 A support | B back | C maintain | D establish |
| 8 A identified | B tracked | C dated | D traced |

Open cloze

For questions 1–8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS**.

Life after Man: A vision of the future

What if humans (0) *WERE* wiped out? Luckily for the world after humans, not all big mammals would be gone. A continent-sized museum, Africa, still holds

(1) can be described as a striking collection. If (2) were no people left, Africa, (3) has been occupied by humans longer than any other place, would revert (4) the purest primeval state on Earth but it would see some key changes. For a start, North African cattle were once wild, (5) after thousands of years with humans, they've been cross-bred to develop huge stomachs. This is (6) they can eat huge amounts during the day, because it's too dangerous to graze at night. Consequently, they're not very quick. Left on their own, (7) human protection, they'd be vulnerable. And as cattle now account for more than half (8) live weight of African savannah ecosystems, they would provide a feast for lions and hyenas. Once cows were gone, there would be more than double the feed for everything else.

Word formation

For questions 1–8, use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS**.

Rainforest Concern

Frustrated and tired of hearing about the (0) *DISAPPEARING* rainforests? **APPEAR**
Well here's your chance to do something positive about it.

The world's rainforests represent a vast reservoir of (1) and **KNOW**
hold potential for the (2) of new medicines and foods. There is **DISCOVER**
no doubt that large-scale deforestation alters the climate: it (3) **INTENSE**
droughts in the dry season and floods in the rainy season. The result is
fewer animal and plant species, soil (4) , a water supply which is **ERODE**
(5) and poorer health for the local people. By joining Rainforest **RELY**
Concern, a registered charity, and sponsoring acres of (6) **THREAT**
rainforest for the Choco-Andean Rainforest Corridor in Ecuador, you will
be protecting one of the world's most important ecological areas. Within
these forests live a high number of seriously (7) species of animals, **DANGER**
birds and plants, many of which are found nowhere else on earth. You will
also be helping to secure the (8) and culture of the Awa and **SURVIVE**
Cayapas indigenous people, who still live in harmony with their natural
environment.



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