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The Albertosaurus Mystery Test

Put a X in the box beside the correct answer.

1. What does the word uncovering mean in the sentence? The chef was uncovering the pot of soup.
☐ tasting
☐ stirring
☐ taking the lid off
☐ putting the lid on
2. What does the word location mean in the sentence? Do you know the location of the toy store?
☐ price
☐ name
☐ store hours
☐ place where it is
3. What does the word prove mean in the sentence? I can prove that the squirrel is the animal that ate the birdseed.
☐ show
☐ guess
☐ wonder
☐ never know
4. What does the word clues mean in the sentence? Sarah looked for clues that would help her solve the math problem.
☐ hints
☐ friends
☐ teachers
☐ numbers

5. What does the word fossils mean in the sentence? The fossils that we found were buried deep in the ground.
- rocks
 - treasures
 - hidden treasures
 - remains of an animal or plant
6. What does the word certainly mean in the sentence? Dad said, "This has certainly been a very good day."
- not
 - turned into
 - very quickly
 - without a doubt
7. What does the word suddenly mean in the sentence? Ty suddenly left the train station because he had forgotten his ticket.
- in a rude way
 - in a slow way
 - in an unhappy way
 - in an unplanned way
8. What does the word lively mean in the sentence? The band played lively music at the parade.
- sad
 - opera
 - rock and roll
 - full of energy
9. What does the word lovely mean in the sentence? Tula looked lovely in her blue dress.
- tall
 - blue
 - pretty
 - afraid

10. What does the word cautiously mean in the sentence? Mrs. Jones cautiously walked the students across the street.

in a slow way

in a careful way

in an unhappy way

in a dangerous way

11. From the selection, the reader can tell that Philip Currie is _____

foolish

awkward

determined

unfriendly

12. What conclusion can the reader draw about Barnum Brown's fossil field?

Dinosaurs never lived there.

No one knew exactly where it was.

It had only plant-eating dinosaurs.

Many people had been there to visit.

13. How does the reader know that dinosaurs lived long ago?

Few dinosaurs are still alive.

Some dinosaurs have feathers.

Many dinosaurs ate other animals.

Only dinosaur fossils are left today.

14. Barnum Brown's life would have been different if his family did not dig for coal because he might never have _____.

gotten a job

seen a fossil

gone to school

lived in Kansas

15. From the selection, the reader can conclude that_____.
- all dinosaurs ate plants
 - most dinosaurs are dead
 - few dinosaurs had teeth
 - some dinosaurs ate meat
16. Brown's Albertosaurus bones were in the basement for many years because _____.
- Currie wanted to keep them a secret
 - people did not realize how special they were
 - they were too big and heavy to show in a museum
 - fossil hunters had a hard time putting the pieces together
17. Which sentence from the selection helps the reader conclude that it was difficult to find the fossil field in Canada's badlands?
- Sand flies and mosquitoes bit him.
 - All alone, Phillip climbed another hill.
 - Its huge, powerful jaws could crush bone.
 - It was like looking for a needle in a haystack.
18. The information in the selection leads the reader to conclude that _____.
- dinosaurs lived only in Canada
 - many dinosaurs lived in groups
 - all dinosaurs traveled across long distances
 - the smallest dinosaurs were found in Montana
19. Phillip Currie's search was a success because he found_____.
- 22 Albertosaurus
 - 70 dinosaur teeth
 - the first dinosaur eggs
 - the first meat-eating dinosaurs

20. What can the reader conclude from the following sentence from the selection?

"Phillip and his team worked for months to dig out each fossil."

The team had to be careful.

The team was not very experienced.

The team was unhappy with all the work.

The team was hoping to find a live dinosaur.