

READING EXERCISE – SIMPLE PAST

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Exercise 1. Read the following paragraph.

Mass Extinction



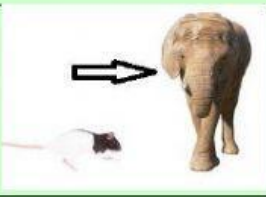
Mass extinction is the **disappearance** of a large number of the Earth's species. The most devastating extinction was at the end of the Permian period; an **estimated** 95% of marine species and 60% of insects disappeared about 245 million years ago. **Huge** volcanic eruptions **continued** for thousands of years and **caused** destruction and dust that **blocked** the sun. It caused global cooling that **froze** the

water's surface.

The most famous mass extinction was in the end of the Cretaceous period, when the **dinosaurs** and many other plants and animals **disappeared** and up to 75% of all marine life **died**. It **occurred** 65 million years ago. A theory says that a big **asteroid** with a diameter of 10km hit the planet and **created** a giant cloud of rocks, dust, and sulfur in the air that blocked the **sunlight**. Catastrophic climate change did not let dinosaurs survive.

Exercise 2. Identify **8 Regular Verbs** in **Simple Past**. Write them below.

Exercise 3. Vocabulary: Label the pictures with the correct word.

Exercise 3. Reading Comprehension: Choose the correct answer.

1. What was the most devastating mass extinction that our planet faced?
A. Permian extinction **B.** Jurassic extinction **C.** Cretaceous extinction
2. What caused the dinosaurs' extinction?
A. volcanic eruptions **B.** cold weather **C.** a meteorite
3. When did dinosaurs go extinct?
A. Cretaceous period **B.** Permian extinction **C.** Catastrophic climate