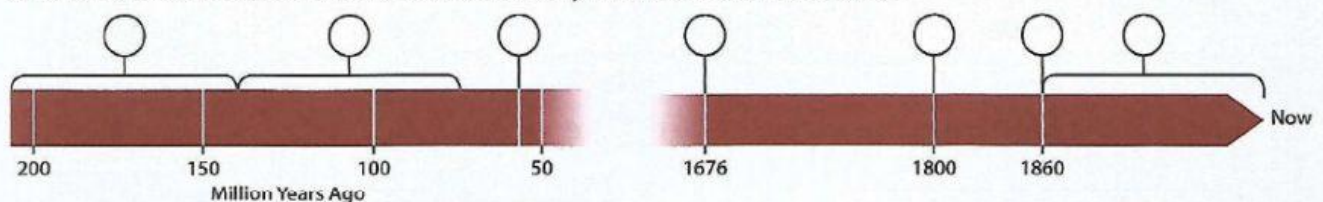


THEY'VE FOUND A FOSSIL.

Vocabulary Focus

A Write the numbers on the timeline below to show when things happened.

1. The Cretaceous period started about 140 million years ago. It ended around 75 million years ago.
2. By 65 million years ago, dinosaurs were extinct.
3. The Jurassic period started around 200 million years ago. It ended around 140 million years ago.
4. The first dinosaur thigh **bone** was probably found in 1676, in England.
5. Scientists discovered the first dinosaur bird **fossil** in Germany in the 1860s.
6. In Massachusetts, U.S.A., in 1800, a farmer found 30-cm-long (12-inch-long) fossilized **footprints**.
7. Since then, scientists have discovered many new dinosaur **skeletons**.



B Match the bold words in A to their pictures.

1.  _____
3.  _____

2.  _____
4.  _____

C Write. Which museums have you visited? What did you see there?

Conversation

Complete the conversation. Put the sentences in the correct order.

IN CLASS Practice with a partner.

- a. ____ Fossils? That sounds really interesting. What kind of fossils are you studying?
- b. ____ Sure. I'll give it to you tomorrow. I've almost finished reading it!
- c. 1 Hey! What are you doing, Paulo?
- d. ____ Paleontology. It's the study of fossils.
- e. ____ Oh, hi, Ming! I'm reading a very interesting book about paleontology.
- f. ____ A book about what?
- g. ____ They can? That's amazing! I want to know more. Can I borrow the book after you've finished reading it?
- h. ____ Right now, I'm studying dinosaur fossils. From fossils, scientists can tell us what dinosaurs looked like and how they lived.

Language Focus

A Complete the sentences. Write the correct forms of the verbs in parentheses.

IN CLASS Practice with a partner.

- 1. I ____ (live) in this city for four years now.
- 2. When I ____ (be) young, I ____ (study) dinosaur fossils.
- 3. I'm really upset. I ____ (lose) my wallet this morning.
- 4. It's the end of the summer vacation, and I still ____ (not do) my homework.
- 5. Researchers ____ (identify) many new plant species in the last five years.

B Complete the sentences. Use the words *for* or *since*.

- 1. John is coming home tomorrow. He's been away ____ years.
- 2. I haven't eaten in this restaurant ____ my birthday party.
- 3. You're very quiet. You haven't said anything ____ you arrived.
- 4. I've wanted to join this team ____ a long time.
- 5. I haven't written a letter to anyone ____ I got a smartphone.