


Reading exam 2nd Grade 3rd Period




Musical Instruments

Guitars, violins, and lutes are stringed instruments. A violin has four strings. To play a violin, musicians use a long, thin piece of wood called a bow. They move the bow against the strings to make music. A guitar has six strings, and a lute has 15 or 24 strings! Musicians can play the guitar and lute with their fingers.

Pianos and keyboards are percussion instruments. A piano has 88 keys. There are 52 white keys and 36 black keys. On a small keyboard, there are 25 keys. A big keyboard has 88, like a piano! Pianos and keyboards can make loud sounds or soft, quiet sounds.

Trumpets and flutes are wind instruments. Musicians blow into a trumpet or a flute to make music. Trumpets can make very loud sounds. Flutes make a softer, sweeter sound. Which instrument would you like to play?


I. Select Yes or No.

- 1.- A violin, a guitar and a lute have strings. **Yes / No**
- 2.- A violin has seven strings. **Yes / No**
- 3.- The piano is a percussion instrument. **Yes / No**
- 4.- Trumpets are stringed instruments. **Yes / No**
- 5.- Flutes make soft sound. **Yes / No**

II.- Read and put the correct word in the correct sentence.

piano / 52 / lute / keyboard / big

- 6.- There are 15 or 24 strings on a _____.
- 7.- A _____ has 36 black keys.
- 8.- A small _____ has 25 keys.
- 9.- There are _____ white keys on a piano.
- 10.- A _____ keyboard has 88 keys.

Ancient Creatures

Extinction!



Asteroid

Millions of years ago, dinosaurs became extinct. That means they all died. But why did they all die? There are many theories. About 65 million years ago, a giant rock called an asteroid hit Earth. It made a big dust cloud. It covered the planet.

There was no sunlight, so Earth got very cold. Many plants died, and there wasn't a lot of food. Then, the dinosaurs died. Many other animals died, too.

Animals that Survived!

Some animals did not die. We say that these animals survived. Amazing! Let's read about some of them.

Birds

Some scientists call birds living dinosaurs! These scientists studied many bird fossils. These fossils are millions of years old! The fossils show that birds were part of the dinosaur family. Dinosaurs are their ancestors.



Bird Fossil



Crocodile

Crocodiles

The ancestors of crocodiles lived 99 million years ago. Some of them were huge. The biggest one was 10 meters long—as long as a school bus!

Sea Turtles

The ancestors of sea turtles lived 90 million years ago. These sea turtles were giants. They were 4 meters long—as long as a car. There are sea turtles today, but they are smaller than their ancestors.



Sea Turtle

Cockroaches

Do you like cockroaches? Some people don't! Cockroaches are very, very old—their ancestors lived 150 million years ago. Cockroaches were also huge. There is a fossil of a cockroach that is 9 cm long!



Cockroach

III. Select Yes or No.

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| 11.- There is only one theory about how dinosaurs became extinct. | Yes / No |
| 12.- A giant asteroid hit Earth about 65 million years ago. | Yes / No |
| 13.- There was no sunlight after the asteroid hit. | Yes / No |
| 14.- Dinosaurs are ancestors of birds. | Yes / No |

15.- The ancestors of crocodiles were smaller than crocodiles today.

Yes / No

16.- There were sea turtles 150 million years ago.

Yes / No

IV.- Match with the correct definition.

17.- Survive

The shape of a bone, a shell a plant or animal that has been preserved in a rock for a long period.

18.- Extinction

One of many large rocks that circle the sun.

19.- Asteroid

To continue to live or exist.

20.- Fossil

A situation in which something no longer exists.

