

Class: _____ Name: _____



Unit 12 Extinct Animals

* Listen and write.

A (TR 87)

- G** This field trip to Fossil Park may be one of the best field trips ever, don't you think?
- B** Totally! I can't believe we get to walk on the same ground that actual dinosaurs did.
- G** I know. And all those _____ at the research center were interesting too.
- B** Yeah. I didn't know there were different _____ of fossils according to how they were _____.
- G** Me neither.
- B** So, the instructor said that dinosaurs' footprints are _____ fossils, right?
- G** Right. And what about the type where bugs were _____ in amber?
- B** Those are called preserved fossils. They are the rare ones where the actual _____ are left in the fossil.
- G** That was something new that I learned today. I always thought those shell fossils were actual shells, you know?
- B** You mean the cast fossils?
- G** Yes. I learned they're more like rocks, not the _____ organisms themselves.

B (TR 88)

- B** Look, it's a honeybee. I learned in class today that honeybees are disappearing.
- G** Oh, no. What happens then?
- B** You know honeybees carry flower _____ and help produce fruits, vegetables, and crops, right?
- G** Yes, I do.
- B** So, without them, it'll get harder for us to _____ and eat fresh food.
- G** No way! I love fruits and vegetables.
- B** Me too. That also reminds me of the passenger pigeons I read about on the internet.
- G** _____? Now, what are they?
- B** They're an extinct bird species. Many people believe they helped shape the rich North American forests.
- G** I see. So, what happened to the forest after they disappeared?
- B** Scientists are still _____ that. But for one thing, wolves and foxes that hunted and ate passenger pigeons lost a big part of their food source.
- G** I guess when one species disappears, it naturally _____ other _____ species too.

C (TR 89)

- G** Have you heard of mass extinction, Paul?
- B** No, Sandy. What is it?
- G** It refers to a time when a whole lot of living things on Earth _____ at once.
- B** Did such a thing ever happen?
- G** Yes. You've heard of the dinosaur extinction, right?
- B** Oh, yeah. Something about a huge _____ hitting the Earth.

- G** Yes, that one. That's a famous mass extinction that happened around 65 million years ago.
- B** I see. Were there other cases of mass extinction?
- G** Yes. Around 250 million years ago, large-_____ volcanic activity brought one of the biggest extinctions in Earth's history.
- B** Oh, no. How bad was it?
- G** According to _____, about 70 to 95 percent of Earth's animal species went extinct at that time.
- B** Wow. Were there mass extinctions _____ cold weather too?
- G** Yes, there was. Around 440 million years ago, cold temperatures froze the ocean water, _____ many sea creatures to die.

D (TR 90)

- M** Welcome to the Natural History Museum. Here, you can see animal _____ that do not exist on Earth anymore. This is the giant deer that went extinct around 11,000 years ago. These deer were one of the largest deer species that ever existed. Male giant deer were up to 2 meters tall and had antlers as wide as 3.5 meters. Next are cave lions who disappeared about 10,000 years ago. They were also larger than _____ lions and often appear in ancient cave paintings. Both giant deer and _____ lions went extinct mainly due to _____. However, the famous dodo birds were hunted to extinction. The dodo birds were big, friendly birds that couldn't fly. They weren't afraid of humans, making them easy _____ to

hunt. When the last dodo bird was hunted around 300 years ago, it had only been 100 years since humans first _____ them.