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Sahara was most dangerous place in Earth's history

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THE ARTICLE

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A team of paleontologists has uncovered what they believe was the most dangerous place in the history of the Earth. It is not a crime-ridden, inner-city ghetto or a hellish war zone. It was an area of the Sahara Desert in Morocco that 100 million years ago was a scary place to be. The team of fossil hunters said an area near the Morocco-Algeria border was home to a terrifying array of ferocious predators - rather like the beasts from Jurassic Park, but on steroids. The paleontologists have dubbed the area as being the "most dangerous place in the history of planet Earth". Their claim is based on the discovery of an array of fossils found in ancient rock formations called the Kem Kem group deep in the Sahara.

Professor David Martill wrote about the significance of the study. He said: "This is the most comprehensive piece of work on fossil vertebrates from the Sahara in almost a century." He added: "This place was filled with absolutely enormous fish...probably four or even five times larger than today's....There was an enormous freshwater saw shark...with the most fearsome of teeth. They are like barbed daggers, but beautifully shiny." Dr Nizar Ibrahim, lead author of the report into the research, said it was a truly inhospitable habitat. He said it was, "a place where a human time-traveller would not last very long". He said the study provides "a window into Africa's age of dinosaurs".

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WARM-UPS

1. DANGEROUS PLACES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about dangerous places. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

paleontologists / dangerous / history / inner city / war zone / fossil / terrifying / study / vertebrates / century / enormous fish / shark / teeth / inhospitable / habitat

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. TODAY: Students A **strongly** believe the world today is a more dangerous place than the world of hundreds of years ago; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SCARY PLACES: How scary are these places? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Scary	Why?
Haunted house		
Deep forest		
Prison		
Graveyard		
In a nightmare		
The city at night		

5. DESERT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "desert". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. FEROCIOUS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most ferocious animals at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- shark
- hyena
- rat
- lion
- hornet
- centipede
- bear
- rattle snake

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 1. paleontologists | a. A wide range of a particular type of thing. |
| 2. crime-ridden | b. Very, very, very old. |
| 3. ghetto | c. Someone who studies animal and plant fossils. |
| 4. array | d. A part of a city, especially a poor area, occupied by a minority group or groups. |
| 5. ferocious | e. Having a lot of illegal and unlawful behaviour. |
| 6. predators | f. Really fierce, cruel, or violent. |
| 7. ancient | g. An animal that naturally preys on (hunts and eats) other animals. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 8. significance | h. Of large content or scope; wide-ranging. |
| 9. comprehensive | i. The remains of a prehistoric animal, bird, fish, insect or plant preserved in a rock. |
| 10. fossil | j. An environment that is harsh and difficult to live in. |
| 11. vertebrates | k. The quality of being worthy of attention; importance. |
| 12. enormous | l. The natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism. |
| 13. inhospitable | m. Very, very, very big. |
| 14. habitat | n. An animal that has a backbone. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200501-dangerous-place.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The most dangerous place on earth is a war zone in the Sahara. **T / F**
- b. The most dangerous place was found to be 100 million years ago. **T / F**
- c. The dinosaurs they found fossils of were in the movie Jurassic Park. **T / F**
- d. The fossils they found were in an area called Kem Kem. **T / F**
- e. The research is the most comprehensive ever done on fossils. **T / F**
- f. The area in the study was full of huge fish 100 million years ago. **T / F**
- g. The article described a whale with very sharp teeth. **T / F**
- h. A researcher said the place was a great place for time-travellers. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. uncovered | a. importance |
| 2. area | b. named |
| 3. array | c. era |
| 4. dubbed | d. collection |
| 5. ancient | e. thorough |
| 6. significance | f. found |
| 7. comprehensive | g. hostile |
| 8. enormous | h. very old |
| 9. inhospitable | i. huge |
| 10. age | j. region |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. a crime-ridden, inner- | a. fish |
| 2. an area near the Morocco- | b. in the Sahara |
| 3. ferocious | c. predators |
| 4. the discovery of an | d. traveller |
| 5. deep | e. city ghetto |
| 6. the most comprehensive piece of | f. of dinosaurs |
| 7. filled with absolutely enormous | g. habitat |
| 8. it was a truly inhospitable | h. array of fossils |
| 9. a human time- | i. work |
| 10. a window into Africa's age | j. Algeria border |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200501-dangerous-place.html>

A team of paleontologists has (1) _____ what they believe was the most dangerous place in the history of the Earth. It is not a crime-ridden, inner-city (2) _____ or a hellish war zone. It was an area of the Sahara Desert in Morocco that 100 million years ago was a (3) _____ place to be. The team of fossil (4) _____ said an area near the Morocco-Algeria border was home to a terrifying array of ferocious (5) _____ - rather like the beasts from Jurassic Park, but on steroids. The paleontologists have (6) _____ the area as being the "most dangerous place in the (7) _____ of planet Earth". Their claim is based on the discovery of an array of fossils found in ancient rock (8) _____ called the Kem Kem group deep in the Sahara.

scary
predators
ghetto
history
hunters
formations
uncovered
dubbed

Professor David Martill wrote about the (9) _____ of the study. He said: "This is the most comprehensive piece of work on fossil (10) _____ from the Sahara in almost a century." He added: "This place was filled with absolutely (11) _____ fish...probably four or even five times larger than today's....There was an enormous freshwater saw (12) _____...with the most fearsome of teeth. They are like barbed daggers, but (13) _____ shiny." Dr Nizar Ibrahim, lead author of the report into the research, said it was a truly (14) _____ habitat. He said it was, "a place where a human time-(15) _____ would not last very long". He said the study provides "a window into Africa's (16) _____ of dinosaurs".

inhospitable
age
vertebrates
shark
traveller
significance
beautifully
enormous

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200501-dangerous-place.html>

- 1) It is not a crime-ridden, inner-city ghetto or a _____
 - a. hellish wart zone
 - b. hellish wary zone
 - c. hellish wore zone
 - d. hellish war zone
- 2) the Morocco-Algeria border was home to a terrifying _____ predators
 - a. affray of ferocious
 - b. allay of ferocious
 - c. alloy of ferocious
 - d. array of ferocious
- 3) rather like the beasts from Jurassic Park, _____
 - a. but on steroids
 - b. but in steroids
 - c. but as steroids
 - d. but to steroids
- 4) dubbed the area as being the most dangerous place in the _____ Earth
 - a. history for planet
 - b. history of planet
 - c. history as planet
 - d. history at planet
- 5) based on the discovery of an array of fossils found in _____
 - a. ancient lock formations
 - b. ancient rock formations
 - c. ancient rack formations
 - d. ancient lack formations
- 6) He said: "This is the most comprehensive piece of _____ vertebrates"
 - a. working fossil
 - b. work con fossil
 - c. work on fossil
 - d. working con fossil
- 7) There was an enormous freshwater saw shark...with the most _____
 - a. fearsome off teeth
 - b. fears some of teeth
 - c. fearsome of teeth
 - d. fear some off teeth
- 8) lead author of the report into the research, said it was a truly _____
 - a. inhospitable habitat
 - b. in hospitality habitat
 - c. in hospital able habitat
 - d. in hospice habitat
- 9) He said it was, "a place where a human time-traveller would not _____"
 - a. lasts very long
 - b. lasted very long
 - c. last very long
 - d. lastly very long
- 10) the study provides "a window into Africa's _____"
 - a. ages of dinosaurs
 - b. aged of dinosaurs
 - c. agar of dinosaurs
 - d. age of dinosaurs

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200501-dangerous-place.html>

1. Who believes they uncovered a dangerous place?
2. How long ago do people think the place was very dangerous?
3. Near what border was the dangerous place?
4. What did the article say were ferocious?
5. What is the name of the ancient rock formations?
6. Who is David Martill?
7. How much larger were the fish mentioned in the article than today's fish?
8. What did the fish have that were fearsome?
9. Who did a researcher say would not last long in the dangerous place?
10. What did a researcher say the study provided a window into?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200501-dangerous-place.html>

- 1) Who believes they uncovered a dangerous place?
 - a) psychiatrists
 - b) paleontologists
 - c) philanthropists
 - d) pathologists
- 2) How long ago do people think the place was very dangerous?
 - a) thousands of years ago
 - b) a few centuries ago
 - c) a billion years ago
 - d) 100 million years ago
- 3) Near what border was the dangerous place?
 - a) the Morocco-Algeria border
 - b) the border with Africa
 - c) the Kenya-Uganda border
 - d) the Egypt-Sudan border
- 4) What did the article say were ferocious?
 - a) paleontologists
 - b) early humans
 - c) predators
 - d) researchers
- 5) What is the name of the ancient rock formations?
 - a) Bim Bom
 - b) Kem Kem
 - c) Tim Tim
 - d) Tam Tam
- 6) Who is David Martill?
 - a) a dangerous places expert
 - b) an early human
 - c) a professor
 - d) a dinosaur hunter
- 7) How much larger were the fish mentioned in the article than today's fish?
 - a) infinitely
 - b) many times
 - c) 100%
 - d) 4 or 5 times
- 8) What did the fish have that were fearsome?
 - a) teeth
 - b) eyes
 - c) claws
 - d) jaws
- 9) Who did a researcher say would not last long in the dangerous place?
 - a) a human time-traveller
 - b) stone-age man
 - c) an English student
 - d) paleontologists
- 10) What did a researcher say the study provided a window into?
 - a) paleontologists
 - b) dinosaurs in Africa
 - c) a room
 - d) a good view

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200501-dangerous-place.html>

Role A – Sharks

You think sharks are the most ferocious animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't as ferocious. Also, tell the others which are the cutest of these (and why): bears, snakes or hornets.

Role B – Bears

You think bears are the most ferocious animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't as ferocious. Also, tell the others which are the cutest of these (and why): sharks, snakes or hornets.

Role C – Snakes

You think snakes are the most ferocious animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't as ferocious. Also, tell the others which are the cutest of these (and why): bears, sharks or hornets.

Role D – Hornets

You think hornets are the most ferocious animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their animals aren't as ferocious. Also, tell the others which are the cutest of these (and why): bears, snakes or sharks.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200501-dangerous-place.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'dangerous' and 'dinosaur'.

dangerous	dinosaur
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• believe• crime• scary• beasts• dubbed• rock	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• comprehensive• filled• enormous• shiny• truly• age
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DANGEROUS PLACES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about dangerous places in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

DANGEROUS PLACES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'dangerous'?
3. What do you think is the most dangerous place on Earth?
4. How dangerous is your town?
5. What's the most dangerous place you've been to?
6. What do you think of paleontology?
7. What do you think of fossils?
8. How important is it to find fossils?
9. What are the most terrifying beasts in the world today?
10. What do you know about the Sahara Desert?

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DANGEROUS PLACES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'Earth'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What is the most dangerous time in history?
15. How dangerous is the world today?
16. Would you like to be a paleontologist?
17. Do you think scientists should use DNA to bring dinosaurs back?
18. If you were a time-traveller, what time would you go to?
19. What would you like to know about the age of the dinosaurs?
20. What questions would you like to ask the paleontologists?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) uncovered | (b) coveted | (c) encouraged | (d) entourage |
| 2. | (a) sodden | (b) hidden | (c) ridden | (d) rotten |
| 3. | (a) nirvana | (b) heavenly | (c) hellish | (d) inferno |
| 4. | (a) affray | (b) display | (c) comply | (d) array |
| 5. | (a) shielded | (b) comforted | (c) dubbed | (d) staffed |
| 6. | (a) olde-worlde | (b) ancient | (c) contemporary | (d) archaic |
| 7. | (a) onus | (b) significance | (c) pastime | (d) service |
| 8. | (a) resolve | (b) absolutely | (c) irresponsible | (d) ill-mannered |
| 9. | (a) at | (b) for | (c) of | (d) to |
| 10. | (a) unto | (b) as to | (c) onto | (d) into |
| 11. | (a) luxury | (b) budget | (c) rail | (d) time |
| 12. | (a) day | (b) era | (c) old | (d) age |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. crime-ridden, inner-city thteog
2. The team of iosslf hunters
3. seroifouc predators
4. from Jurassic Park, but on ietdsosr
5. based on the discovery of an yarar
6. entainc rock formations

Paragraph 2

7. the ginasfcenici of the study
8. pemsrheniveco piece of work
9. absolutely ouosrnme fish
10. the most easeofrm of teeth
11. a truly atbploshieni habitat
12. Africa's age of diorsnuas

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200501-dangerous-place.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () the area as being the "most dangerous place in the history of planet Earth". Their claim is based on the discovery
- () hunters said an area near the Morocco-Algeria border was home to a terrifying array of ferocious
- () of an array of fossils found in ancient rock formations called the Kem Kem group deep in the Sahara.
- () century." He added: "This place was filled with absolutely enormous fish...probably four or even five times larger than
- () area of the Sahara Desert in Morocco that 100 million years ago was a scary place to be. The team of fossil
- () place in the history of the Earth. It is not a crime-ridden, inner-city ghetto or a hellish war zone. It was an
- (**1**) A team of paleontologists has uncovered what they believe was the most dangerous
- () comprehensive piece of work on fossil vertebrates from the Sahara in almost a
- () traveller would not last very long". He said the study provides "a window into Africa's age of dinosaurs".
- () a truly inhospitable habitat. He said it was, "a place where a human time-
- () Professor David Martill wrote about the significance of the study. He said: "This is the most
- () predators - rather like the beasts from Jurassic Park, but on steroids. The paleontologists have dubbed
- () today's....There was an enormous freshwater saw shark...with the most fearsome of teeth. They are like barbed daggers, but beautifully
- () shiny." Dr Nizar Ibrahim, lead author of the report into the research, said it was

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200501-dangerous-place.html>

1. believe most What they the place . dangerous was
2. Sahara the of Desert in Morocco . An area
3. to a ferocious terrifying array of predators . Home
4. the beasts steroids . on from Jurassic Park Like but
5. fossils . an discovery The of array of
6. is comprehensive of work . piece This most the
7. absolutely enormous This filled was place fish . with
8. shark most A teeth . with the fearsome of
9. author research . report into Lead of the the
10. into Provides of a window age dinosaurs . Africa's

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200501-dangerous-place.html>

A team of paleontologists has *covered / uncovered* what they believe was the most dangerous place in the history of the Earth. It is not a crime-ridden, inner-city ghetto or a *holy / hellish* war zone. It was an *arena / area* of the Sahara Desert in Morocco that 100 million years ago was a *scarred / scary* place to be. The team of fossil hunters said an area near the Morocco-Algeria border was home to a terrifying *array / affray* of ferocious predators - rather like the *beasts / beats* from Jurassic Park, but on steroids. The paleontologists have *dubbed / daubed* the area as being the "most dangerous place in the history of planet Earth". Their claim is *basted / based* on the discovery of an array of fossils found in ancient *rocked / rock* formations called the Kem Kem group *deep / deeply* in the Sahara.

Professor David Martill wrote about the *significance / significant* of the study. He said: "This is the most comprehensive *piece / peace* of work on fossil vertebrates from the Sahara in almost a *centurion / century*." He added: "This place was filled *with / within* absolutely enormous fish...probably four or even five times larger than today's....There was an enormous freshwater *saw / seen* shark...with the most fearsome of teeth. They are like barbed daggers, but beautifully *shine / shiny*." Dr Nizar Ibrahim, lead author of the report *onto / into* the research, said it was a *truly / truth* inhospitable habitat. He said it was, "a place where a human time-traveller would not *lastly / last* very long". He said the study provides "a window into Africa's *age / ageless* of dinosaurs".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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A t__ m _f p_l__ n t_l_g_s t_s h_s _n c_v_r_d w h_t
t h_y b_l__ v_ w_s t h_ m_s t d_n g_r__ s p l_c_ _n
t h_ h_s t_r y _f t h_ E_r t h. I t _s n_t _ c r_m_
r_d d_n, _n n_r - c_t y g h_t t_ r _ h_l_l_s h w_r
z_n_. I t w_s _n _r__ _f t h_ S_h_r_ D_s_r t _n
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c_r y p l_c_ t_ b_. T h_ t__ m _f f_s s_l h_n t_r s
s__ d _n _r__ n__ r t h_ M_r_c c_- A_l g_r__ b_r d_r
w_s h_m_ t_ _ t_r r_f y_n g _r r_y _f f_r_c__s p
r_d_t_r s - r_t h_r l_k_ t h_ b__ s t_s f_r_m J_r_s
s_c P_r k, b_t _n s t_r__ d_s. T h_ p_l__ n t_l_g_s t
s h_v_ d_b b_d t h_ _r__ _s b__ n g t h_ " m_s t
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. DANGEROUS PLACES: Make a poster about dangerous places. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CLEANED UP: Write a magazine article about spending lots of money on cleaning up dangerous places and making them safer. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on dangerous places. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on the most dangerous place. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. d 4. a 5. f 6. g 7. b
8. k 9. h 10. i 11. n 12. m 13. j 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c F d T e F f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. j	3. d	4. b	5. h
6. a	7. e	8. i	9. g	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A team of paleontologists
2. 100 million years ago
3. The Morocco-Algeria border
4. Predators
5. The Kem Kem group
6. A professor
7. Four or five times
8. Teeth
9. A human time traveller
10. Africa's age of dinosaurs

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. What they believe was the most dangerous place.
2. An area of the Sahara Desert in Morocco.
3. Home to a terrifying array of ferocious predators.
4. Like the beasts from Jurassic Park but on steroids.
5. The discovery of an array of fossils.
6. This is the most comprehensive piece of work.
7. This place was filled with absolutely enormous fish.
8. A shark with the most fearsome of teeth.
9. Lead author of the report into the research.
10. Provides a window into Africa's age of dinosaurs.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. a 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)