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**Level 2 – 7th April, 2019**

## **Huge 'Mission Jurassic' dinosaur dig to start**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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There will be one of the world's biggest ever dinosaur digs. Paleontologists (people who study fossils) will go to a site in the USA known as the Jurassic Mile. The site is roughly 2.6 square kilometers in size. The dig is called Mission Jurassic. Researchers from the USA, England and Holland will join the team. They will try to find bones from dinosaurs that lived 150 million years ago, in the Jurassic Era. Scientists have already found many interesting things in the past two years. They include dinosaur footprints, plant fossils and the bones of a 30-metre-long Diplodocus.

The bones will go on display at the world's largest children's museum. A professor at the museum and co-leader of the dig said: "This is an area that hasn't been...extensively studied....The hope is to find...new species of dinosaurs and the animals and plants that lived around them." Another museum professor said: "This site offers a rare opportunity to build a picture of what the real Jurassic ecosystem would have looked like 150 million years ago." He hopes to find fossils from plants, invertebrates, ancient crocodiles, mammals, lizards and sea life.

Sources: <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/news/2019/march/museum-palaeontologists-to-join-new-jurassic-dino-dig-in-wyoming.html>  
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/uk-museum-to-go-on-biggest-dinosaur-hunt-for-30-years-2vfjjf620>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-47684989>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                       |                       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. people who                         | a. long Diplodocus    |
| 2. The site is roughly 2.6 square     | b. the team           |
| 3. join                               | c. interesting things |
| 4. in the Jurassic                    | d. study fossils      |
| 5. Scientists have already found many | e. footprints         |
| 6. in the past                        | f. Era                |
| 7. They include dinosaur              | g. kilometers in size |
| 8. the bones of a 30-metre-           | h. two years          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The bones will go on           | a. extensively studied  |
| 2. the world's largest children's | b. opportunity          |
| 3. co-leader                      | c. life                 |
| 4. an area that hasn't been       | d. around them          |
| 5. find new                       | e. of the dig           |
| 6. animals and plants that lived  | f. display              |
| 7. This site offers a rare        | g. species of dinosaurs |
| 8. sea                            | h. museum               |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There will (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the world's biggest ever dinosaur digs. Paleontologists (people who study fossils) will go to a site in the USA (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Jurassic Mile. The site is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ kilometers in size. The dig is called Mission Jurassic. Researchers from the USA, England and Holland will join the team. They will (4) \_\_\_\_\_ bones from dinosaurs that lived 150 million years ago, in the Jurassic Era. Scientists have already found many interesting things (5) \_\_\_\_\_ two years. They include dinosaur footprints, plant fossils and the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ 30-metre-long Diplodocus.

The bones will (7) \_\_\_\_\_ at the world's largest children's museum. A professor (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and co-leader of the dig said: "This is an area that hasn't been...extensively studied....The hope (9) \_\_\_\_\_...new species of dinosaurs and the animals and plants that lived around them." Another museum professor said: "This site (10) \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity to build a picture of what the real Jurassic (11) \_\_\_\_\_ looked like 150 million years ago." He hopes to find fossils from plants, invertebrates, ancient crocodiles, mammals, lizards (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# DINOSAURS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190407-mission-jurassic-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Dinosaurs 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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

