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Sahara was most dangerous place in Earth's history

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200501-dangerous-place-5.html>

Paleontologists have found what they think is the most dangerous place in the history of the Earth. It is not a crime-ridden, inner-city area or a war zone. It is an area of the Sahara Desert that 100 million years ago was a scary place. The team of fossil hunters said an area near the Morocco-Algeria border was home to terrifying and ferocious predators, like those from Jurassic Park on steroids. The paleontologists have dubbed the area as the "most dangerous place in the history of planet Earth". They base this on an array of fossils found in ancient rocks in the Sahara called the Kem Kem group.

A professor wrote about the significance of the study, calling it, "the most comprehensive piece of work on fossil vertebrates from the Sahara in almost a century". He said: "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." Dr Nizar Ibrahim, lead author of the report, said it was a very inhospitable place. 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".

Sources: <https://www.newsweek.com/prehistoric-sahara-ferocious-predators-dangerous-place-earth-1500389>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200501-dangerous-place-5.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. the most | a. of planet Earth |
| 2. a crime-ridden, inner- | b. border |
| 3. an area near the Morocco-Algeria | c. steroids |
| 4. home to terrifying and ferocious | d. ancient rocks |
| 5. like those from Jurassic Park on | e. city area |
| 6. dubbed the area as the most | f. dangerous place |
| 7. in the history | g. dangerous place |
| 8. fossils found in | h. predators |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the significance | a. teeth |
| 2. the most comprehensive | b. traveller |
| 3. in almost a | c. piece of work |
| 4. with the most fearsome of | d. age of dinosaurs |
| 5. lead | e. place |
| 6. it was a very inhospitable | f. century |
| 7. a human time- | g. of the study |
| 8. a window into Africa's | h. author of the report |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Paleontologists have found what they think is the (1) _____ in the history of the Earth. It is (2) _____, inner-city area or a war zone. It is an area of the Sahara Desert that 100 million years ago was (3) _____. The team of fossil hunters said an area near the Morocco-Algeria border was home to (4) _____ predators, like those from Jurassic Park on steroids. The paleontologists have (5) _____ as the "most dangerous place in the history of planet Earth". They base this on an array of fossils found (6) _____ in the Sahara called the Kem Kem group.

A professor wrote about (7) _____ the study, calling it, "the most comprehensive piece of (8) _____ vertebrates from the Sahara in almost a century". He said: "This place was (9) _____ enormous fish...probably four or even five times larger than today's....There was an enormous freshwater saw shark...with the (10) _____ teeth." Dr Nizar Ibrahim, lead author of the report, said it was a (11) _____. 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 (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DANGEROUS PLACES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200501-dangerous-place-4.html>

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.

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) _____

