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分解:

1. 科学家不知道恐龙为何绝种了

Scientists do not know why dinosaurs became extinct, ...

- 1) 在写作中一般不缩写, don't 要写成 do not
- 2) 恐龙为何绝种了:这里要调整成一个名词性的从句(作为 know 的宾语), why 引导一个宾语从从句
- 3) 绝种了: 动词 extinct, 其名词为 extinction
- 4) 有人会写成: Scientists do not know the reason of the extinction of dinosaurs, 这样也可以,但不如上面的句子简洁。

2. 但是一些理论推断

but according to some theories

1) 有人会写成: some theories infer 等, 注意, infer 这样的词的主语应该是人,

而不是一个抽象的 theories

- 2) according to:根据…,用这个结构会比较好
- 3. …是地理,气候和海平面的变化造成的。
- ...changes in geography, climate, and sea levels were responsible.
- 1) 在英文中,先出现重点,再出现修饰成分,根据这个原则,写成:changes in geography, climate, and sea levels···因为 changes 是核心的名词,后面的 in 介词结构只是修饰成分(后置定语)
- 2) 是···造成的:请记住这个**非常非常地道的**结构:···be responsible, "对···负责" 就是 "···是谁造成的"

再对照理解一遍:

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