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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

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| <p>1. How do footprints help scientists better understand dinosaurs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ They show how many dinosaurs walked the planet. Ⓑ They show how fast or slow a dinosaur moved. Ⓒ They show how many dinosaurs could fly. Ⓓ They show how the dinosaurs moved when it got cold. <p>2. Which of the following words means <i>to look at something carefully</i>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ extinct Ⓑ remains Ⓒ examine Ⓓ excavate | <p>3. How did the flat teeth of some dinosaurs help them eat food?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Flat teeth helped them grind their food. Ⓑ Flat teeth helped them tear through meat. Ⓒ Flat teeth helped them pull the seeds out of fruit. Ⓓ Flat teeth helped them to crush bones. <p>4. What is the main idea of <i>Discovering Dinosaurs</i>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The oldest dinosaur lived around 230 million years ago. Ⓑ Scientists can estimate the age of dinosaur fossils. Ⓒ Dinosaurs disappeared 65 million years ago. Ⓓ Studying fossils helps scientists understand more about dinosaurs. |
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5. What do scientists do after they take a fossil to a museum?
 - Ⓐ study the fossil
 - Ⓑ record information about the fossil
 - Ⓒ wrap it up to keep it safe
 - Ⓓ carefully remove dirt from the fossil
6. What is the author's purpose for writing *Discovering Dinosaurs*?
 - Ⓐ to inform readers about how fossils help us know more about dinosaurs
 - Ⓑ to persuade readers to visit their local museum and see the dinosaur fossils
 - Ⓒ to entertain the reader with interesting facts about different kinds of dinosaurs
 - Ⓓ to inform the reader about why and how the dinosaurs disappeared
7. Which of the following sentences states an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Scientists have found many different kinds of dinosaur fossils.
 - Ⓑ Many dinosaurs had hundreds of bones.
 - Ⓒ Dinosaurs are the most fascinating creatures to ever walk the Earth.
 - Ⓓ Some dinosaur bones may be bigger than those of animals alive today.
8. Which detail supports the idea that fossils help scientists know what Earth was like during the time of dinosaurs?
 - Ⓐ Scientists aren't sure how or why dinosaurs disappeared 65 million years ago.
 - Ⓑ Older fossils are found deep in the ground.
 - Ⓒ Scientists do tests to determine the age of fossils.
 - Ⓓ Scientists have found fossils of plants, fish, insects, and other animals in the same rocks as dinosaur fossils.

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9. In what way were some dinosaurs similar to birds?
 - Ⓐ Some dinosaurs had feathers.
 - Ⓑ Some dinosaurs had hollow bones.
 - Ⓒ Some dinosaurs sat on a nest.
 - Ⓓ Some dinosaurs slept in trees.
10. When something is *completely wiped out*, it is _____.
 - Ⓐ prey
 - Ⓑ populated
 - Ⓒ examined
 - Ⓓ extinct
11. **Extended Response:** How do the bones of animals that are alive today help scientists learn more about dinosaurs?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Discovering Dinosaurs

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
4. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
6. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
7. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
8. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
10. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
11. Students should respond that many animals alive today share certain characteristics with dinosaurs, including the shapes of certain bones and the way their bones fit together.