

DINOSAURS

Extinction
Factual
Flora
Excursion
Perish
Ignorant
Inhabitants
Foe
Palaeontology

Our teacher said because we were IGNORANT about dinosaurs, he was going to take us on a school EXCURSION to a Science Museum to learn all about them. A guide who was an expert in palaeontology gave us a FACTUAL tour of the exhibit and we saw that dinosaurs were the INHABITANTS of earth, long before man. We wrote about the trees and other FLORA that the dinosaurs ate, that the T. Rex was really frightening and the FOE of all the others. My favourite exhibit was about the meteor that caused the dinosaurs to PERISH, and that is what actually caused their EXTINCTION, and why we only have fossils of them now.

OLD EGYPT

Harbour
Flourish
Fertile
Famine
Labour
Endure
Meagre
Pasture

Ancient Egypt was once a very rich country. The land was FERTILE and so perfect for growing crops, and the plants would FLOURISH on the banks of the River Nile. Cows roamed the green PASTURE outside of Cairo and the people would LABOUR to bring in the crops each season. It was a place of great happiness. Unfortunately a terrible drought came to Egypt and the crops grew less and less. The people only had MEAGRE food and had to ENDURE hunger and eventually great FAMINE. Many fled by boat from the HARBOUR to new lands where they could survive.

MOUNTANEERING

summit
peril
perplexed
precarious
endeavour
pioneer
lofty
majestic

Sir Edmund Hillary was a famous mountaineer who Took part in a famous expedition whose ENDEAVOUR was to climb Everest. They group travelled to Nepal where they could see the beautiful and MAJESTIC peak from base camp, it's high, LOFTY sides, rising into the clouds. It was a trip full of danger and PERIL, as many had died attempting the summit, but Hillary was to become a PIONEER, the first man to succeed. Although the climb was terrifying and PRECARIOUS, Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing overcame obstacles that had PERPLEXED other climbers and stood on top of the world, on the SUMMIT of the mountain in 1953.

OUR NAUGHTY CLASS

Atrocious
Berate
Rowdy
Subdued
Tranquil
Forbid
Inaudible
Impudent

It was our very last day at school and we were in our Maths class. None of us liked the teacher and some of the students were often rude and IMPUDENT to her. We were sometimes so ROWDY that her voice was INAUDIBLE and she had to shout to be heard. She would shout at us and BERATE us to behave better, and FORBID us to talk any more. On this final day, we decided to give her a surprise. We were not going to behave in the ATROCIOSUS way that we usually did. When Miss. Smith came in we were sitting quiet and SUBDUED. A big smile came over her face. 'How wonderful to have such a quiet and TRANQUIL class to end the year,' she said. We all cheered!

THE MAGIC SHOW

Reveal
Stout
Vanish
Ordeal
Baffled
Apprehensive
Unfathomable
Rigid

For my birthday treat, my family took me to see a magic show because I love to be amazed and BAFFLED. The magician was a heavy, STOUT man and he wore a cloak covered in stars which he opened to REVEAL a white rabbit and a dove. Later he put a beautiful woman in a box and covered her in a blue cloth. When he took off the cloth, she seemed to VANISH before our eyes. Then he took out a saw and we were really worried and APPREHENSIVE that he was going to cut her in half. How could she survive the ORDEAL? My body was RIGID with fear! The drums rolled, the lights went down and when we looked again she was standing there completely fine. We never worked out how he did it! It was UNFATHOMABLE but amazing at the same time.

THE OPERATION

Incision
Physiotherapy
Fatal
Revealing
Wretched
Eminent
Malady
Painstaking
Nauseous

A few weeks ago, my father suffered an unfortunate MALADY because he was in a terrible car accident. Luckily, it wasn't FATAL and he survived, but he broke his leg badly REVEALING the bone and had to have a major operation. He was operated on by a famous and EMINENT surgeon who made an INCISION in the skin to mend the wound and then sewed it together with careful and PAINSTAKING stitches. Afterwards, he was sick and NAUSEOUS for a while and was too WRETCHED to see us. He needed help to walk again and a PHYSIOTHERAPIST gave him activities to do until he could play football with me once more!

THE EXPLORATION

Subterranean
Tempestuous
Tranquil
Peculiar
Hasty
Imitate
Fatigue
Unsurpassed

In 1777, Sir James Brown embarked on a sea voyage to South America. The journey was terrible with three weeks of TEMPESTUOUS seas and the crew were relieved to awake to the calm, TRANQUIL waters near Peru. Although exhausted and full of FATIGUE, they went ashore to explore the deep, SUBTERRANEAN caves there. The caves were like nothing they had seen before, UNSURPASSED in their flora and fauna, and the men discovered a strange and PECULIAR new species of bird which could IMITATE their voices perfectly. However, when they tried to capture it, the giant creature attacked them with a huge beak and sharp claws and they had to make a hasty RETREAT back to daylight.

THE BATTLE FOR LONDON

Expel
Oppress
Proclaim
Chaotic
Fervour
Belligerent
Yield
Accord

There had been peace in London for many years as the population was ruled by a wise and benevolent king. When he died, Prince James, an angry and BELLIGERENT young man ascended to the throne and he began to OPPRESS his people, making them work for low wages and seizing their property. A new leader of the people, Mark Anthony came forward to PROCLAIM that there would be a battle to EXPEL the Prince and put a new leader on the throne. The armies faced each other in Trafalgar Square and for two days neither side would YIELD. The battle was confusing and CHAOTIC and many people died. But the people's army fought with a passion and a FERVOUR that drove back the army of the Prince. He was forced to leave the country and an ACCORD to make peace was signed in Buckingham Palace.

BLACKBERRIES

Abode
Urged
Embrace
Errand
Nimble
Lodge
Shrink
Charmed

Little Girl Blue lived in a humble ABODE in the deep, dark woods of the Black Country. One day, she was sent on an ERRAND by her mother to pick blackberries. She had small and NIMBLE fingers so she could reach the tiny fruit that her mother could not. While she was at her task, a small, ugly dwarf came out of a wooden LODGE where he lived next to the oak trees. He was so ugly that Little Girl Blue was afraid and began to SHRINK back in horror. He URGED her to hand over her berries because he was poor and hungry. Although she feared him, he had a gentle and kind voice which CHARMED her and she also had a warm heart, so she did as he asked. When she came home empty handed her mother heard her tale and then held her in a close EMBRACE for she was proud of her kind hearted daughter.

