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Level 1 – 12th March 2026

New Netflix show 'The Dinosaurs' getting top marks

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A new series scored 100 per cent on a review site and is at number one on Netflix. It is a four-part documentary called The Dinosaurs. Actor Morgan Freeman narrated it. Director Steven Spielberg is the executive producer. He used 50 experts on prehistory to help make the show. They recreated what life on Earth looked like 235 million years ago. The series shows us how the earliest dinosaurs developed, survived for millions of years, and became extinct.

The designers used CGI to create the ancient continent of Pangea. This was a giant land mass that slowly broke up to make the continents of today. The designers also made volcanoes, floods, and the dinosaurs. The series starts with the birth of the dinosaurs. It ends with the enormous T. rex. Freeman calls this "the most iconic dinosaur of all time". It also shows the asteroid impact that killed off the dinosaurs.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A new series scored | a. of years |
| 2. It is a four- | b. producer |
| 3. Steven Spielberg is the executive | c. 100 per cent |
| 4. 50 experts | d. part documentary |
| 5. what life on Earth looked | e. extinct |
| 6. how the earliest dinosaurs | f. on prehistory |
| 7. survived for millions | g. developed |
| 8. became | h. like |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. create the ancient continent | a. impact |
| 2. a giant land | b. volcanoes |
| 3. slowly broke up to make the | c. mass |
| 4. The designers also made | d. off the dinosaurs |
| 5. the birth of | e. of Pangea |
| 6. the most iconic dinosaur | f. the dinosaurs |
| 7. It also shows the asteroid | g. of all time |
| 8. killed | h. continents of today |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A new series scored 100 per cent (1) _____ site and is at (2) _____ Netflix. It is a four-(3) _____ The Dinosaurs. Actor Morgan Freeman narrated it. Director Steven Spielberg is the executive producer. He used 50 experts on prehistory (4) _____ the show. They recreated what life on Earth looked like 235 million years ago. The series (5) _____ the earliest dinosaurs developed, survived for millions of years, (6) _____.

The designers used CGI to (7) _____ continent of Pangea. This was (8) _____ mass that slowly broke up to make the continents of today. The (9) _____ volcanoes, floods, and the dinosaurs. The series starts with (10) _____ the dinosaurs. It ends with the enormous T. rex. Freeman calls this "the most iconic dinosaur (11) _____". It also shows the asteroid impact that (12) _____ dinosaurs.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DINOSAURS SURVEY

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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) _____

