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Level 2 – 12th March 2026

New Netflix show 'The Dinosaurs' getting top marks

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A new series has scored 100 per cent on a review site and is at number one on Netflix. The mini-series is a four-episode documentary called The Dinosaurs. Superstar actor Morgan Freeman narrated it. Legendary director Steven Spielberg is the executive producer. He also directed the movie Jurassic Park. He used 50 experts on prehistory to help make the show. They recreated what life on Earth looked like 235 million years ago. The four episodes show how the earliest dinosaurs developed, survived for millions of years, and became extinct.

The producers used CGI to create the dinosaurs. CGI designers recreated the ancient supercontinent of Pangea. This was a single land mass that slowly broke up to form the continents of today. The designers also made volcanoes, sand storms, floods, old forests, and the dinosaurs. The series starts with the birth of tiny dinosaurs. It ends with the enormous T. rex. Freeman says these are "the most iconic dinosaurs of all time". It also shows us the asteroid impact that killed off the dinosaurs. A newspaper said, "the geology and meteorology are powerfully made".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. A new series has scored | a. millions of years |
| 2. a four-episode | b. producer |
| 3. Steven Spielberg is the executive | c. 235 million years ago |
| 4. experts on | d. extinct |
| 5. what life on Earth looked like | e. documentary |
| 6. how the earliest dinosaurs | f. 100 per cent |
| 7. survived for | g. developed |
| 8. became | h. prehistory |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The producers used CGI to | a. continents of today |
| 2. the ancient supercontinent | b. mass |
| 3. This was a single land | c. of all time |
| 4. broke up to form the | d. create the dinosaurs |
| 5. sand | e. off the dinosaurs |
| 6. The series starts with the birth | f. of Pangea |
| 7. the most iconic dinosaurs | g. storms |
| 8. the asteroid impact that killed | h. of tiny dinosaurs |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A new series has scored 100 per cent on (1) _____ and is at number one on Netflix. The mini-series is (2) _____ documentary called The Dinosaurs. Superstar actor Morgan Freeman narrated it. Legendary director Steven Spielberg (3) _____ producer. He also directed the movie Jurassic Park. He used 50 experts on prehistory (4) _____ the show. They recreated what life on Earth looked like 235 million years ago. The four episodes show (5) _____ dinosaurs developed, survived for millions of years, (6) _____.

The producers used CGI (7) _____ dinosaurs. CGI designers recreated the ancient supercontinent of Pangea. This was a single land mass that (8) _____ to form the continents of today. The designers also made volcanoes, sand storms, (9) _____, and the dinosaurs. The series starts with the (10) _____ dinosaurs. It ends with the enormous T. rex. Freeman says these are "the most iconic dinosaurs (11) _____". It also shows us the asteroid impact that killed off the dinosaurs. A newspaper said, "the geology and meteorology (12) _____".

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) _____

