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New Netflix show 'The Dinosaurs' getting top marks

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THE ARTICLE

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The producers used CGI to create the landscapes and dinosaurs. CGI designers recreated the ancient supercontinent of Pangea. This was a single land mass that slowly broke apart over tens of millions of years to form the continents of today. The designers also made volcanic eruptions, sand storms, floods, million-year-old forests, and (of course) the dinosaurs. The series starts with the birth of tiny dinosaurs. It ends with the enormous T. rex and triceratops, which Freeman says are "the most iconic dinosaurs of all time". It also shows us the asteroid impact event that killed off the dinosaurs. The Guardian newspaper reviewed the series. It said, "the geology and meteorology are powerfully rendered".

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WARM-UPS

1. DINOSAURS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about dinosaurs. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

TV series / review / Netflix / documentary / dinosaurs/ Hollywood / experts / extinct / CGI / continents / volcanic / sand storms / floods / forests / T. rex / asteroid / geology

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BRINGING BACK THE DINOSAURS: Students A **strongly** believe we should bring back the dinosaurs; Students B **strongly** believe that would be crazy. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. HISTORY: What do you know about these periods of history? Would you like to have lived in them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | What I Know | Living in This Period |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| The Jurassic Era | | |
| The Stone Age | | |
| The Iron Age | | |
| The Middle Ages | | |
| The Renaissance | | |
| The Industrial Age | | |

5. HOLLYWOOD: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "Hollywood". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. CGI: Rank these with your partner. Put the best uses of Computer-Generated Imagery (CGI) at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Recreate dinosaurs
- Space battles
- Mythical creatures
- Superheroes
- Natural disasters
- Fantasy cities
- Crowd scenes
- Dangerous stunts

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. series | a. One part of a television or radio series. |
| 2. review | b. A group of related television programmes that tell one story or have the same topic. |
| 3. episode | c. A film or television programme that shows real people, places, and events. |
| 4. documentary | d. People who know a lot about a subject because they have studied it for a long time. |
| 5. experts | e. An opinion about a film, book, show, or product that says if it is good or bad. |
| 6. prehistory | f. No longer existing because all members of the group have died. |
| 7. extinct | g. The time before people wrote things down or kept written records. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. ancient | h. The seven very large pieces of land on Earth such as Africa, Asia, and Europe. |
| 9. continents | i. Very big in size. |
| 10. eruptions | j. Very old and from a long time ago in history. |
| 11. floods | k. Events when hot lava, ash, and gas come out of a volcano. |
| 12. enormous | l. Very famous and well known, often representing something important. |
| 13. iconic | m. Large amounts of water that cover land that is usually dry. |
| 14. asteroid | n. A large rock from space that travels through space and can hit a planet. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260312-netflix-the-dinosaurs.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says The Dinosaurs is the first series to ever get 100%. **T / F**
2. The Dinosaurs is a mini-series that has four parts. **T / F**
3. The Dinosaurs is narrated by the legendary director Steven Spielberg. **T / F**
4. The mini-series shows what life on Earth was like 50 million years ago. **T / F**
5. Designers used computer-generated imagery to make the show. **T / F**
6. There was once just one giant continent on Earth, called Pangea. **T / F**
7. A famous actor said the brontosaurus was the most iconic dinosaur ever. **T / F**
8. A newspaper said the series had powerful geologists and meteorites. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. scored | a. separated |
| 2. figures | b. parts |
| 3. experts | c. specialists |
| 4. episodes | d. reproduced |
| 5. extinct | e. recorded |
| 6. ancient | f. arrival |
| 7. broke apart | g. people |
| 8. birth | h. legendary |
| 9. iconic | i. died out |
| 10. rendered | j. of long ago |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The mini-series is a four-episode Netflix | a. help make the show |
| 2. It has powerful figures from Hollywood | b. apart |
| 3. Spielberg used 50 experts on prehistory to | c. became extinct |
| 4. document how the earliest | d. of Pangea |
| 5. survived for millions of years, and | e. behind it |
| 6. The producers used CGI to | f. of all time |
| 7. designers recreated the ancient supercontinent | g. dinosaurs developed |
| 8. This was a single land mass that slowly broke | h. off the dinosaurs |
| 9. the most iconic dinosaurs | i. documentary |
| 10. the asteroid impact event that killed | j. create the landscapes |

GAP FILL

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A new series has scored 100 per cent on the (1) _____ site Rotten Tomatoes and is at number one on Netflix. The mini-series is a four-episode Netflix (2) _____. It is called The Dinosaurs. It has powerful (3) _____ from Hollywood behind it. Superstar actor Morgan Freeman narrated it. Legendary (4) _____ Steven Spielberg is the executive producer. He also directed the (5) _____ movie Jurassic Park. Mr Spielberg used 50 experts on (6) _____ to help make the show. They recreated what life on Earth looked like between 235 million and 66 million years ago. The four (7) _____ document how the earliest dinosaurs developed, survived for millions of years, and became (8) _____.

The producers used CGI to create the (9) _____ and dinosaurs. CGI designers recreated the (10) _____ supercontinent of Pangea. This was a single land mass that slowly broke (11) _____ over tens of millions of years to form the (12) _____ of today. The designers also made volcanic eruptions, sand storms, floods, million-year-old forests, and (of course) the dinosaurs. The series starts with the (13) _____ of tiny dinosaurs. It ends with the enormous T. rex and triceratops, which Freeman says are "the most (14) _____ dinosaurs of all time". It also shows us the (15) _____ impact event that killed off the dinosaurs. The Guardian newspaper reviewed the series. It said, "the (16) _____ and meteorology are powerfully rendered".

documentary
blockbuster
review
extinct
director
episodes
figures
prehistory

birth
apart
iconic
landscapes
geology
continents
asteroid
ancient

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) A new series has scored 100 per cent on _____
 - a. the review sight
 - b. the renew site
 - c. the reviews eight
 - d. the review site
- 2) The mini-series is a four-_____
 - a. episode Netflix documentary
 - b. episode Netflix documented
 - c. episode Netflix document airy
 - d. episode Netflix dock you meant airy
- 3) Superstar actor Morgan _____
 - a. Freeman negated it
 - b. Freeman narrated it
 - c. Freeman narration it
 - d. Freeman narrate tidied it
- 4) Mr Spielberg used 50 _____
 - a. experts on prehistory
 - b. experts in prehistory
 - c. expert son prehistory
 - d. experts on free history
- 5) how the earliest dinosaurs developed, survived for millions of years, _____
 - a. and became extinction
 - b. and became extinct
 - c. and became tincture
 - d. and became eggs inked
- 6) slowly broke apart over tens of millions of years to form the _____
 - a. continent soft today
 - b. continents off today
 - c. continents of today
 - d. continent of today
- 7) The series starts with the birth _____
 - a. of tinny dinosaurs
 - b. of tiny dinosaur
 - c. of tiny dinosaurs
 - d. off tinny dinosaurs
- 8) T. rex and triceratops, which Freeman says are the most iconic dinosaurs _____
 - a. off all time
 - b. offal time
 - c. over time
 - d. of all time
- 9) It also shows us the asteroid impact event that killed _____
 - a. doff the dinosaurs
 - b. of the dinosaurs
 - c. over the dinosaurs
 - d. off the dinosaurs
- 10) It said the geology and meteorology _____
 - a. are powerfully blended
 - b. are powerfully gendered
 - c. are powerfully rendered
 - d. are powerfully wronged

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260312-netflix-the-dinosaurs.html>

1. What position is The Dinosaurs on the Netflix charts?
2. How many episodes are there in The Dinosaurs?
3. Who does the article say is behind the mini-series?
4. How many prehistory experts helped make the show?
5. What does the show document besides the dinosaurs' birth and survival?
6. What did the producers use Computer-Generated Imagery to create?
7. What was Pangea?
8. What did the show start with?
9. What killed off the dinosaurs?
10. What did a newspaper say the series "powerfully rendered"?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260312-netflix-the-dinosaurs.html>

- 1) What position is The Dinosaurs on the Netflix charts?
 - a) It hasn't charted yet.
 - b) number 10
 - c) number one
 - d) just inside the top 100.
- 2) How many episodes are there in The Dinosaurs?
 - a) four
 - b) eight
 - c) ten
 - d) twelve
- 3) Who does the article say is behind the mini-series?
 - a) powerful figures from Hollywood
 - b) a powerful story
 - c) a dramatic story
 - d) lots of Hollywood money
- 4) How many prehistory experts helped make the show?
 - a) 15
 - b) 50
 - c) 55
 - d) 80
- 5) What does the show document besides the dinosaurs' birth and survival?
 - a) their movements
 - b) their diet
 - c) their size
 - d) their extinction
- 6) What did the producers use Computer-Generated Imagery to create?
 - a) fight scenes
 - b) landscapes and dinosaurs
 - c) earthquakes
 - d) the Big Bang
- 7) What was Pangea?
 - a) an ancient supercontinent
 - b) a very scary dinosaur
 - c) a plant that killed many dinosaurs
 - d) the name of an ancient disease
- 8) What did the show start with?
 - a) the Big Bang
 - b) a dinosaur hatching from an egg
 - c) the birth of tiny dinosaurs
 - d) a fight scene
- 9) What killed off the dinosaurs?
 - a) an ice age
 - b) a virus
 - c) climate change
 - d) an asteroid impact
- 10) What did a newspaper say the series "powerfully rendered"?
 - a) geology and meteorology
 - b) geography and metaphysics
 - c) geometry and mathematics
 - d) genealogy and musicology

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260312-netflix-the-dinosaurs.html>

Role A – Recreating Dinosaurs

You think recreating dinosaurs is the best use of GCI. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their uses. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): making space battles, giving superheroes powers or creating dangerous stunts.

Role B – Making Space Battles

You think making space battles is the best use of GCI. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their uses. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): recreating dinosaurs, giving superheroes powers or creating dangerous stunts.

Role C – Superhero Powers

You think giving superheroes powers is the best use of GCI. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their uses. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): making space battles, recreating dinosaurs or creating dangerous stunts.

Role D – Dangerous Stunts

You think creating dangerous stunts is the best use of GCI. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their uses. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): making space battles, giving superheroes powers or recreating dinosaurs.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260312-netflix-the-dinosaurs.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'series' and 'dinosaurs'.

| series | dinosaurs |
|--------|-----------|
| | |

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• review• documentary• actor• 50• 235• extinct | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• landscapes• single• volcanic• birth• impact• rendered |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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.

DINOSAURS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'series'?
3. What do you think of Netflix?
4. What's your favourite streaming service?
5. What do you know about the dinosaurs?
6. What do you think of movies about dinosaurs?
7. What's your favourite show?
8. What are your favourite dinosaurs?
9. What do you know about how the dinosaurs became extinct?
10. Should scientists bring the dinosaurs back?

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DINOSAURS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'dinosaurs'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about the supercontinent of Pangea?
15. How important is it to understand the dinosaurs?
16. What do you think of the Tyrannosaurus Rex?
17. How important is it to study geology?
18. What will humans be like in 66 million years from now?
19. What will Earth be like in 66 million years from now?
20. What questions would you like to ask a dinosaur expert?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) scored | (b) score | (c) scoring | (d) scores |
| 2. | (a) fourth | (b) fours | (c) four | (d) fourfold |
| 3. | (a) ahead | (b) next | (c) behind | (d) front |
| 4. | (a) buster block | (b) block | (c) buster | (d) blockbuster |
| 5. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) like | (d) up |
| 6. | (a) precinct | (b) extinct | (c) distinct | (d) succinct |
| 7. | (a) for | (b) to | (c) at | (d) and |
| 8. | (a) slowed | (b) slowly | (c) slows | (d) slowish |
| 9. | (a) of coarse | (b) off course | (c) of course | (d) of curse |
| 10. | (a) finish up | (b) the end | (c) finishing | (d) ends |
| 11. | (a) every | (b) entire | (c) whole | (d) all |
| 12. | (a) criminology | (b) musicology | (c) sociology | (d) geology |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. A new erisse has scored 100 per cent
2. a four-episode Netflix deratyonmcu
3. Steven Spielberg is the etxueeivc producer
4. 50 rpestex on prehistory
5. irudesvv for millions of years
6. became nxectti

Paragraph 2

7. recreated the nnecita supercontinent of Pangea
8. form the etcontisnn of today
9. icnvacol eruptions
10. the srouenmo T. rex and triceratops
11. the doriesta impact event
12. the oeygogl and meteorology

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) A new series has scored 100 per cent on the review site Rotten Tomatoes and is at number
- () director Steven Spielberg is the executive producer. He also directed the blockbuster
- () Earth looked like between 235 million and 66 million years ago. The four episodes document how
- () figures from Hollywood behind it. Superstar actor Morgan Freeman narrated it. Legendary
- () forests, and (of course) the dinosaurs. The series starts with the birth of tiny dinosaurs. It ends
- () movie Jurassic Park. Mr Spielberg used 50 experts on prehistory to help make the show. They recreated what life on
- () of years to form the continents of today. The designers also made volcanic eruptions, sand storms, floods, million-year-old
- () one on Netflix. The mini-series is a four-episode Netflix documentary. It is called The Dinosaurs. It has powerful
- () reviewed the series. It said, "the geology and meteorology are powerfully rendered".
- () supercontinent of Pangea. This was a single land mass that slowly broke apart over tens of millions
- () the earliest dinosaurs developed, survived for millions of years, and became extinct.
- () The producers used CGI to create the landscapes and dinosaurs. CGI designers recreated the ancient
- () time". It also shows us the asteroid impact event that killed off the dinosaurs. The Guardian newspaper
- () with the enormous T. rex and triceratops, which Freeman says are "the most iconic dinosaurs of all

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. 100 A cent has new per scored series .
2. a documentary four-episode is mini-series Netflix The .
3. behind figures from has Hollywood It it powerful .
4. Earth like life looked on recreated They what .
5. developed dinosaurs document episodes four how The the .
6. CGI create landscapes producers The the to used .
7. ancient CGI designers of Pangea recreated supercontinent the .
8. A apart broke land mass single slowly that .
9. all dinosaurs iconic most of the They're time .
10. asteroid dinosaurs impact killed off that The the .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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A new series has *scored / scores* 100 per cent on the review site Rotten Tomatoes and is at number one on Netflix. The mini-series is a four-episode Netflix *document / documentary*. It is called The Dinosaurs. It has *powerful / powerfully* figures from Hollywood *behind / ahead it*. Superstar actor Morgan Freeman narrated *it / them*. Legendary director Steven Spielberg is the executive *produce / producer*. He also directed the blockbuster movie Jurassic Park. Mr Spielberg used 50 *expats / experts* on prehistory to help make the show. They recreated what life on Earth looked *such / like* between 235 million and 66 million years *ago / age*. The four episodes document how the earliest dinosaurs developed, survived for millions of years, and became *exact / extinct*.

The producers used CGI to create the *landscapers / landscapes* and dinosaurs. CGI designers recreated the *ancient / accent* supercontinent of Pangea. This was a single land *moss / mass* that slowly broke *apart / part* over tens of millions of years to form the continents of today. The designers also made volcanic eruptions, sand storms, *bloods / floods*, million-year-old forests, and (of course) the dinosaurs. The series starts with the *birth / born* of tiny dinosaurs. It *sends / ends* with the enormous T. rex and triceratops, which Freeman says are "the most iconic dinosaurs of *whole / all* time". It also shows us the asteroid impact event that killed *off / up* the dinosaurs. The Guardian newspaper reviewed the series. It said, "the *geological / geology* and meteorology are powerfully rendered".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_ n_w s_r__s h_s sc_r_d 100 p_r c_nt _n th_ r_v__w
s_t_ R_tt_n T_m_t__s _nd _s _t n_mb_r _n_ _n
N_tfl_x. Th_ m_n_-s_r__s _s _ f__r-p_s_d_ N_tfl_x
d_c_m_nt_ry. _t _s c_ll_d Th_ D_n_s__rs. _t h_s
p_w_rf_l f_g_r_s fr_m H_llyw__d b_h_nd _t. S_p_rst_r
_ct_r M_rg_n Fr__m_n n_rr_t_d _t. L_g_nd_ry d_r_ct_r
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260312-netflix-the-dinosaurs.html>

a new series has scored 100 per cent on the review site rotten tomatoes and is at number one on netflix the miniseries is a four episode netflix documentary it is called the dinosaurs it has powerful figures from hollywood behind it superstar actor morgan freeman narrated it legendary director steven spielberg is the executive producer he also directed the blockbuster movie jurassic park mr spielberg used 50 experts on prehistory to help make the show they recreated what life on earth looked like between 235 million and 66 million years ago the four episodes document how the earliest dinosaurs developed survived for millions of years and became extinct

the producers used cgi to create the landscapes and dinosaurs cgi designers recreated the ancient supercontinent of pangea this was a single land mass that slowly broke apart over tens of millions of years to form the continents of today the designers also made volcanic eruptions sand storms floods million year old forests and of course the dinosaurs the series starts with the birth of tiny dinosaurs it ends with the enormous t rex and triceratops which freeman says are the most iconic dinosaurs of all time it also shows us the asteroid impact event that killed off the dinosaurs the guardian newspaper reviewed the series it said the geology and meteorology are powerfully rendered

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. DINOSAURS: Make a poster about dinosaurs. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BRINGING BACK THE DINOSAURS: Write a magazine article about bringing back the dinosaurs. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on dinosaurs. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions of dinosaurs. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. e 3. a 4. c 5. d 6. g 7. f
8. j 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. n

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 F 4 F 5 T 6 T 7 F 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. e | 2. g | 3. c | 4. b | 5. i |
| 6. j | 7. a | 8. f | 9. h | 10. d |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Number one
2. Four
3. Powerful figures from Hollywood
4. Fifty
5. Their extinction
6. Landscapes and dinosaurs
7. An ancient supercontinent
8. The birth of tiny dinosaurs
9. An asteroid impact
10. Geology and meteorology

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. A new series has scored 100 per cent.
2. The mini-series is a four-episode Netflix documentary.
3. It has powerful figures from Hollywood behind it.
4. They recreated what life on Earth looked like.
5. The four episodes document how the dinosaurs developed.
6. The producers used CGI to create the landscapes.
7. CGI designers recreated the ancient supercontinent of Pangea.
8. A single land mass that slowly broke apart.
9. They're the most iconic dinosaurs of all time.
10. The asteroid impact that killed off the dinosaurs.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. a 4. b 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. d 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)