

The Albertosaurus Mystery

Philip Currie's Hunt in the Badlands

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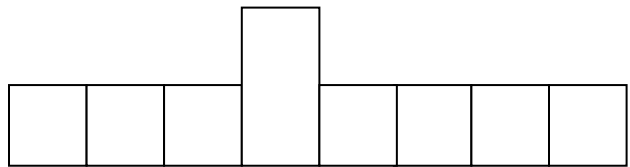
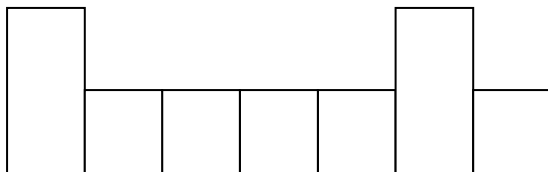
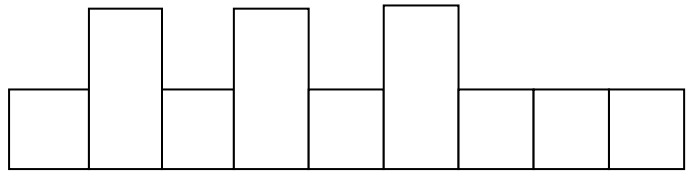
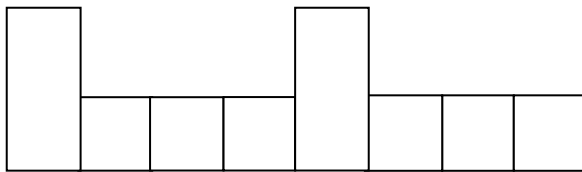
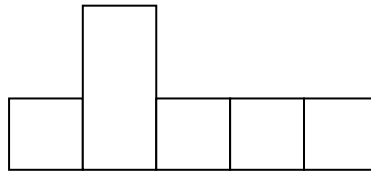
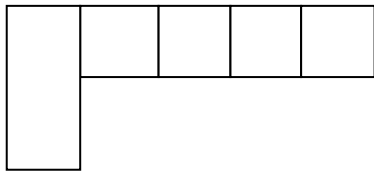
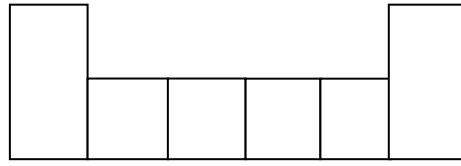
Word Wise

fossils:	very old traces or remains of plants or animals
clues:	things that help solve a mystery or problem
remains:	what is left
prove:	to show by using facts
evidence:	facts that lead to a conclusion or help people know what is true
skeletons:	frameworks of bones inside or outside of bodies
uncovering:	opening to view
buried:	covered up
fierce:	very wild and dangerous
location:	place where something is

Keep this list of focus vocabulary words to help you complete the packet pages for *The Albertosaurus Mystery: Philip Currie's Hunt in the Badlands*. The definitions will be especially helpful for the crossword puzzle, *What's Missing?* and *Sentence Sense*.

Configuration Station

Write the words from the word bank in the correct boxes.



evidence	fossils	skeletons	clues
location	buried	prove	fierce



What's Missing?



Fill in the blanks with words from the word bank.

1. Philip Currie and his team were looking for _____ that belonged to a dinosaur called *Albertosaurus*.
2. Many *albertosaurs* were _____ in western Canada's badlands.
3. Philip had few _____, just some notes and four old photos.
4. He had seen the _____ of Brown's campsite earlier in the day.
5. He was using the old photograph to try to find the _____ of *Albertosaurus* fossils.
6. Brown found the first *Tyrannosaurus rex* _____ in Wyoming and Montana in the early 1900s.
7. *Albertosaurus* was part of a family of meat-eating dinosaurs that were very _____ and related to the T-Rex.
8. Did finding many fossils together _____ that the animals had lived, died, and even hunted as a group?

buried
remains

location
fossils

skeletons
fierce

clues
prove

Where Are the Words?

Find and circle all of the words from the word bank. Some words appear twice!

f	i	e	r	c	e	g	z	c	l	u	e	s
o	z	q	x	w	y	r	e	m	a	i	n	s
s	l	o	c	a	t	i	o	n	x	y	z	k
s	g	y	z	x	k	q	w	p	r	o	v	e
i	x	k	w	h	y	b	u	r	i	e	d	l
l	o	c	a	t	i	o	n	g	z	f	x	e
s	z	l	e	w	h	x	c	w	q	o	y	t
g	x	u	v	y	g	k	o	z	k	s	q	o
y	z	e	i	p	r	o	v	e	g	s	w	n
w	q	s	d	x	z	r	e	m	a	i	n	s
x	k	g	e	z	y	q	r	w	x	l	z	y
z	y	w	n	b	u	r	i	e	d	s	q	g
q	g	k	c	x	z	y	n	g	q	y	x	k
y	f	i	e	r	c	e	g	x	y	w	h	z
s	k	e	l	e	t	o	n	s	z	g	q	y

clues

fierce

skeletons

fossils

evidence

uncovering

remains

buried

prove

location



Rhyme Time



Read each word and listen for the ending chunk. Find and paste three words that rhyme with each word.

clues	remains	prove

groove	choose	retains
refrains	you've	whose
snooze	regains	move

Order in the Court!



Place the story words below in ABC order.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

remains

fossils

evidence

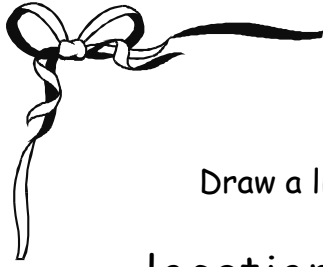
fierce

clues

skeletons

location

buried



Clever Connector



Draw a line to connect the words that have the same meaning.

location

proof

evidence

verify

clues

setting

prove

hints



Awesome Artist



The Albertosaurus fossils were buried inside rocks.

Definition Derby



Read each word in the first column. Find the correct definition and write the matching letter next to the word (see sample). Write each word in a sentence.

Word		Sentence	Definition
1. buried	d	<i>Many dinosaur bones were buried underground.</i>	a. very wild and dangerous
2. clues			b. what is left
3. evidence			c. frameworks of bones inside or outside of bodies
4. fierce			d. covered up
5. fossils			e. opening to view
6. location			f. things that help solve a mystery or problem
7. prove			g. very old traces or remains of plants or animals
8. remains			h. facts that lead to a conclusion or help people find out what is true
9. skeletons			i. to show by using facts
10. uncovering			j. place where something is

Score with Scrabble!

	SCORE
F ₄ O ₁ S ₁ S ₁ I ₁ L ₁ S ₁	
C ₃ L ₁ U ₁ E ₁ S ₁	
R ₁ E ₁ M ₃ A ₁ I ₁ N ₁ S ₁	
P ₃ R ₁ O ₁ V ₄ E ₁	
E ₁ V ₄ I ₁ D ₂ E ₁ N ₁ C ₃ E ₁	
S ₁ K ₅ E ₁ L ₁ E ₁ T ₁ O ₁ N ₁ S ₁	
U ₁ N ₁ C ₃ O ₁ V ₄ E ₁ R ₁ I ₁ N ₁ G ₂	
B ₃ U ₁ R ₁ I ₁ E ₁ D ₂	
F ₄ I ₁ E ₁ R ₁ C ₃ E ₁	
L ₁ O ₁ C ₃ A ₁ T ₁ I ₁ O ₁ N ₁	

Directions: Read each word and add up the points for each. Which word has the most? The least?

A L B E R T O S A U R

Write 3, 4, and 5 letter words in your writing journal using the letters in *Albertosaurus*.

Hmm. I wonder how many words I can spell using these letters.





Suggested Answer Key:

Note: You can find others in the dictionary.

are	rob	able	boat	robe	about
art	rot	aero	bolt	role	alert
ate	rub	alas	bore	rose	altar
baa	rut	also	brat	rule	arose
bat	sat	alto	brut	rust	baste
bet	sea	area	earl	sale	beast
boa	set	arts	east	salt	blast
bus	sob	aura	last	seal	blurt
but	sub	auto	late	seat	boast
ear	sue	bale	lets	slab	burro
eat	tab	bare	lobe	slob	laser
err	tar	bats	lose	slot	roast
lab	tea	bear	lost	soar	ruler
let	toe	beat	lube	sore	solar
lot	tub	belt	rare	sort	stale
oar	use	best	rate	sour	table
ore		blot	real	star	tuber
our		blue	rear	sure	ultra
out		blur	rest	tale	
rat		boar	roar	tear	

Sort the Syllables

Read this week's spelling words. Count the number of syllables in each word and write them in the correct box on the next page!

age

space

change

place

jawbone

jacket

giant

huge

pencil

circle

once

nice

large

dance

jeans

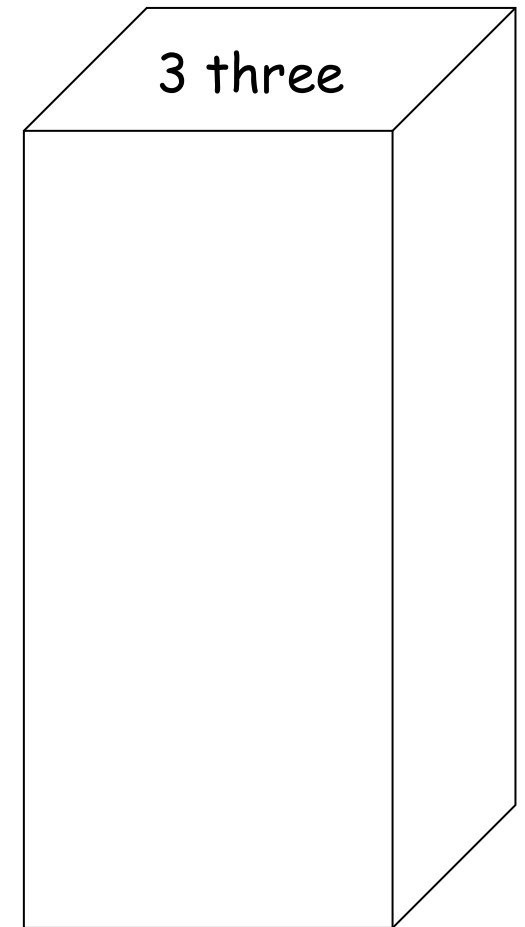
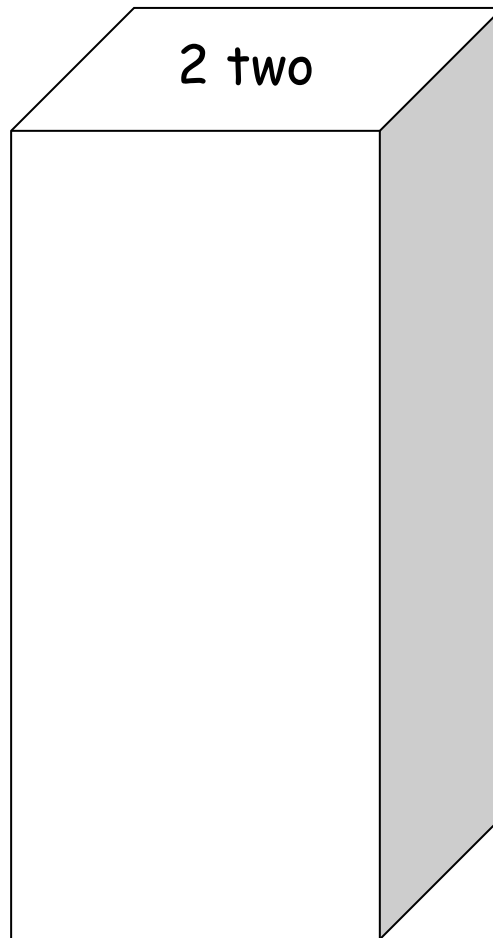
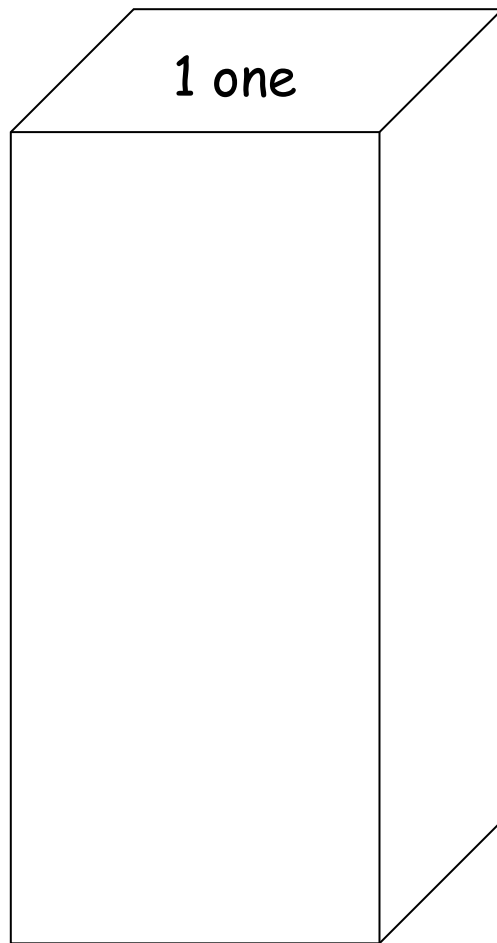
excited

bounce

gigantic



Sort the Syllables!



ABC Order

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8

fossils	evidence	clues	remains
buried	location	fierce	skeletons



Sentence Sense



Write a 6-8 word sentence for each pair of words below.

evidence

prove

skeletons

buried

location

remains

fossils

clues
