

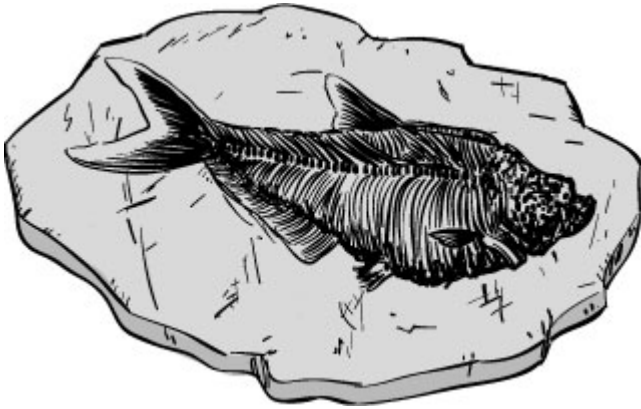
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TAKS Practice Test**

**Grade 2, Chapter 3
Finding Out About the Past**

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Use the picture to answer Questions 1, 2, and 3.



An imprint fossil of a fish

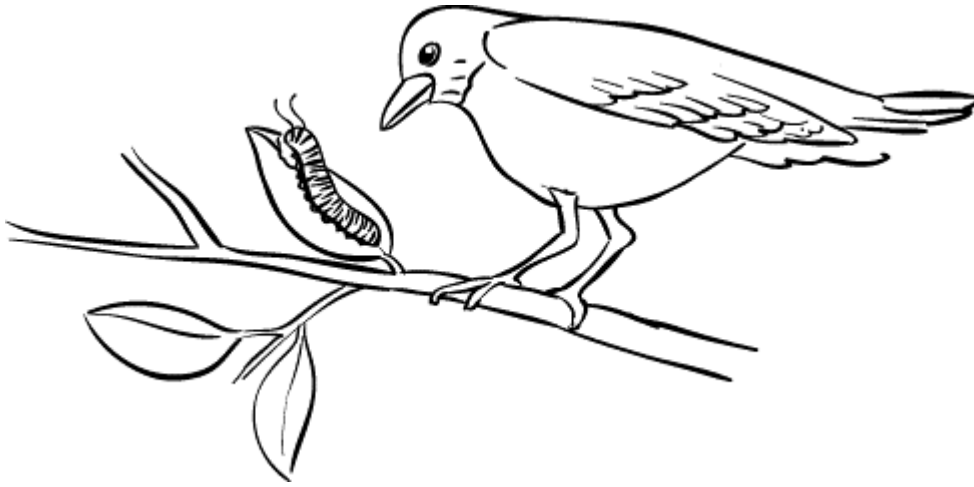
- 1 When did the fish change into a fossil?
 - Soon after it was born
 - When it became an adult
 - The day it died
 - Many years after it died

- 2 How did the fossil form?
 - A dead fish pressed into rock that formed around it.
 - A man or woman drew a fish on the rock.
 - Rocks melted in the shape of a fish.
 - A fish was buried under falling rocks.

- 3 What tool would help you measure the size of the fossil?
 - Hand lens
 - Thermometer
 - Ruler
 - Calculator



- 4 How do scientists fit dinosaur bones into a skeleton?
- They look at photos of dinosaurs.
 - They study the muscles of dinosaurs.
 - They compare dinosaurs to animals alive today.
 - They find most bones already connected.
- 5 Did dinosaurs care for their young? To answer this question, what are scientists studying?
- Fossil eggs from dinosaurs
 - Fossil heads from dinosaurs
 - Stories people wrote about dinosaurs
 - Dinosaurs that live today
- 6 Plants use energy from _____ to make their own food.
- animals
 - the Sun
 - rain
 - soil



- 7 A caterpillar eats leaves on a tree. The robin will eat the caterpillar.

The robin, caterpillar, and tree are together part of a _____.

- food cycle
 - food chain
 - food farm
 - food herd
- 8 What kind of animal has flat teeth, not sharp teeth?
- An animal that eats plants
 - An animal that eats meat
 - An animal that eats meat and plants
 - An animal that speaks loudly
- 9 What clues tell the shape and size of dinosaurs?
- Photographs and paintings
 - Dinosaur eggs
 - Stories people tell about dinosaurs
 - Skeletons made from fossil bones

Use the chart to answer Questions 10, 11, and 12

Facts About Three Dinosaurs

Dinosaur	What its name means	Length	Food
Brachiosaurus	arm lizard	23 meters	plants
Allosaurus	different lizard	11 meters	meat
Parasaurolophus	like crested lizard	10 meters	plants

10 Which was the shortest of the three dinosaurs?

- Brachiosaurus
- Allosaurus
- Parasaurolophus
- The chart does not tell.

11 How did Allosaurus differ from Brachiosaurus and Parasaurolophus?

- Allosaurus ate meat.
- Allosaurus is named after a lizard.
- Allosaurus was the largest dinosaur.
- Allosaurus was the quietest dinosaur.

12 The word part *saurus* means lizard. What does the word part *Brachio* mean?

- Large
- Crested
- Arm
- Plant-eater

13 What clues tell how dinosaurs lived with one another?

- Photographs and paintings
- Dinosaur eggs and footprints
- Stories people tell about dinosaurs
- The names of dinosaurs

ANSWER KEY and CORRELATIONS:

Question	Answer	TAKS	McGraw-Hill Science Grade 2 textbook
1	Many years after it died	5.11B	p. 56
2	A dead fish pressed into rock that formed around it.	5.11B	p. 52
3	Ruler	5.4A	p. 51
4	They compare dinosaurs to animals alive today.	5.2E	p. 63
5	Fossil eggs from dinosaurs	3.3A	p. 61
6	the Sun	4.11C	p. 72
7	food chain	2.9B, 5.5B	p. 74
8	An animal that eats plants	3.11A	p. 68
9	Skeletons made from fossil bones	3.3A	p. 53
10	Parasaurolophus	5.2E	p. 66
11	Allosaurus ate meat.	5.6B	p. 67
12	Arm	5.2E	p. 66
13	Dinosaur eggs and footprints	3.3A	pp. 61, 63