

Vocabulary Practice

expert	extinct	fossil	predator	species
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A. Directions: Write the word from the box that correctly completes each sentence.

1. The raccoon is a _____ because it captures and eats fish.
2. Dr. Bailey, a medical examiner, gives _____ advice on DNA at court hearings.
3. Human beings are classified scientifically as being in the _____ Homo sapiens.
4. The dodo is a(n) _____ bird that, some scientists claim, was eliminated from the Earth by a natural disaster.
5. A _____ is made up of the remains of an animal or plant that lived many, many years ago.

B. Directions: For each word in the first column, find the phrase in the second column that is closest in meaning. Write the letter of that phrase in the blank.

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| _____ 6. expert | a. a living thing's remains preserved in rock or soil |
| _____ 7. species | b. a knowledgeable person |
| _____ 8. fossil | c. an animal that feeds on other animals |
| _____ 9. predator | d. no longer existing |
| _____ 10. extinct | e. a variety or type of something |

C. Writing Option: Imagine you have found a fossil near your home. Write a brief paragraph describing it. Where did you find it? What do you plan to do with it? Use at least **two** words from the box.
