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## Why Did the Dinosaurs Disappear?

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**Directions:** Circle the **synonym** (same meaning) of each word.

- Some scientists think that new kinds of plants started growing because of changes in the climate.
  - weather
  - plants
  - animals
- Dinosaurs were so huge they could not burrow into the ground for protection.
  - fun
  - safety
  - night
- When the water level fell there was more moisture in the air.
  - cold
  - hot
  - wetness
- The earthquake also made volcanoes erupt all over the world.
  - explode
  - extinct
  - flip
- In 1978, a new discovery gave some scientists another idea about why the earth became so cold.
  - finding
  - tool
  - house

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**Directions:** Circle the **antonym** (opposite meaning) of each word.

- A turtle's shell gives it protection.
  - watchfully
  - danger
  - carelessly
- We can see the moisture of dew on plants in the early morning.
  - dryness
  - dampness
  - wetness



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**Directions:** Use the words in the *word box* to complete the sentences below.

climate    protection    moisture    erupt    discovery

1. Some scientists think that new kinds of plants started growing because of changes in the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Dinosaurs were so huge they could not burrow into the ground for \_\_\_\_\_.
3. When the water level fell there was more \_\_\_\_\_ in the air.
4. The earthquakes also made volcanoes \_\_\_\_\_ all over the world.
5. In 1978 a new \_\_\_\_\_ gave some scientists another idea about why the earth became so cold.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ during the Ice Age was very cold.
7. A turtle's shell gives it \_\_\_\_\_.
8. We can see the \_\_\_\_\_ of dew on plants in the early morning.
9. Some volcanoes \_\_\_\_\_ often, exploding hot lava out of the top.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ of gold in California in the 1800s led many people to rush to the state hoping to find gold, too.

