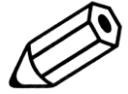


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Vocabulary Practice



- Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right.

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| 1. DNA | <u> E </u> | A. at the same time |
| 2. ordinary | _____ | B. not unusual or special |
| 3. similar | _____ | C. the hard mouth part of a bird |
| 4. meanwhile | _____ | D. to use hands and feet to travel up something |
| 5. beak | _____ | E. it has information about how to 'make' a living thing |
| 6. evolve (v.) | _____ | F. sharp nails found on the feet of birds and animals |
| 7. claws | _____ | G. to change slowly over time |
| 8. climb (v.) | _____ | H. the same as (in some ways) |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use plural forms and past tense if necessary.

1. In some ways, Canada and the U.S. are similar countries.
2. When I was a kid, I loved to _____ trees.
3. My sister did her homework. _____, I slept on the sofa.
4. The _____ of cats and tigers is not very different.
5. Be careful! My pet cat has sharp _____.
6. Most scientists think that some dinosaurs _____ and became birds.
7. There's nothing special planned for today. It's just an _____ day.
8. Some birds have very long _____ they use to catch fish.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

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2. _____

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Grammar in the News

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- **Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.**

It's strange, but it's true. Scientists have (1)_____ making dinosaurs. How are they doing this? The answer may (2)_____ you. Scientists from around the world are beginning to (3)_____ changes to the DNA of ordinary chickens and in the future we may see living "chicken-dinosaurs"! In Chile, in 2015, scientists changed chicken DNA to make the feet of chickens (4)_____ similar to dinosaur feet, and in 2016 the same scientists made the legs of chickens more like dinosaur legs. Meanwhile, scientists in the United States have (5)_____ successful in making chicken beaks more like the mouths of dinosaurs. (6)_____ is possible (7)_____ birds evolved from dinosaurs many millions of years ago. A good example of bird evolution is the 'hoatzin'. It is a bird (8)_____ lives in South America, and when it is a baby it has claws on its wings that it uses to (9)_____ trees. So, (10)_____ the future, some chickens may also have skin, tails, and even arms like dinosaurs. I hope they (11)_____ not be the same size (12)_____ some dinosaurs!

1.

- (A) start
(B) started
(C) starting

2.

- (A) surprises
(B) surprised
(C) surprise

3.

- (A) made
(B) making
(C) make

4.

- (A) more
(B) much
(C) most

5.

- (A) be
(B) been
(C) being

6.

- (A) This
(B) Then
(C) Those

7.

- (A) because
(B) but
(C) and

8.

- (A) where
(B) who
(C) that

9.

- (A) climbed
(B) climbing
(C) climb

10.

- (A) at
(B) in
(C) on

11.

- (A) will
(B) are
(C) do

12.

- (A) with
(B) as
(C) on

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How Much Do You Understand?

● *According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. _____ The article is about how dinosaurs evolved into birds.
2. _____ Scientists from South America and North America are changing chicken DNA.
3. _____ Scientists have changed the feet, legs and beaks of some chickens.
4. _____ The article says that some birds evolved and became dinosaurs.
5. _____ Hoatzins live in South America.
6. _____ The article says some chickens are the same size as dinosaurs.

Discuss

● *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. The article doesn't say *why* scientists are changing the DNA of chickens.
Why do you think they are doing this?
2. Do you think it's a good idea to try to change chickens into dinosaurs?
Why? / Why not?

Write

● *Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.*

Headline "Scientists are Making Dinosaurs"**Grammar Focus** Mixed (includes Present Perfect)**Level** Pre-Intermediate to Intermediate (CEFR A2 to B1)**ANSWER KEY** Page 1*My Notes*● **Vocabulary**

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| 2. B | 2. climb |
| 3. H | 3. Meanwhile |
| 4. A | 4. DNA |
| 5. C | 5. claws |
| 6. G | 6. evolved |
| 7. F | 7. ordinary |
| 8. D | 8. beaks |

ANSWER KEY Page 2**ANSWER KEY** Page 3● **Grammar (Article)**

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|------|-------|
| 1. B | 7. A |
| 2. C | 8. C |
| 3. C | 9. C |
| 4. A | 10. B |
| 5. B | 11. A |
| 6. A | 12. B |

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

- F (*It is about how scientists are changing chickens' DNA to 'make' dinosaurs.*)
- T
- T
- F (*It says some dinosaurs evolved and became birds.*)
- T
- F (*It doesn't say this.*)

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