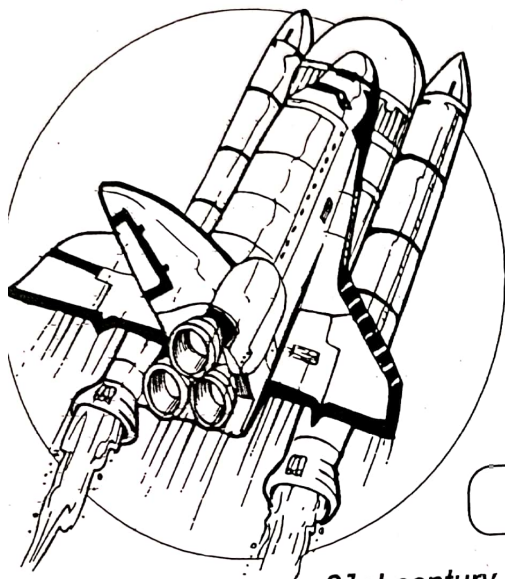


Use the following ADJECTIVES to complete the passage.
harmful valuable special enormous reusable several red brilliant
thrilling outer new important far-off regular different

Space Travel

Space travel has fascinated the world's ¹ scientists for years. Since the moon landings, the ² targets have been Venus and the ³ planet', Mars—which are both closer to Earth than the other planets.

A ⁴ camera on the 'Odyssey' spacecraft has been photographing the surface of Mars and the 'Cassini' probe will orbit ⁵ Saturn in the near



future. The 'Stardust' spacecraft is at present collecting dust from a comet's tail in ⁶ space and will return ⁷ information to Earth several years from now.

Rocket planes can fly over 7000 km/h and

⁸ space flights are expected during the 21st century. The price of one ticket on 'Xerus', a rocket plane planned to take tourists on a ⁹ one-hour trial flight in the next decade, is £105 000

Astronauts from ¹⁰ countries have spent months orbiting in space to test possible ¹¹ effects. These experiments will lead to space stations where people will live and work for ¹² years.

If space travel for ordinary people is to become a reality, the scientists need to cut ¹³ costs. At present, a shuttle's main fuel tank drops away in flight and must be replaced for each ¹⁴ mission. One way to reduce this huge expense is to develop ¹⁵ launch vehicles, and various designs are being tested.

Use the following words to complete the passage.

fossils size found dinosaur mystery century elephant skeleton
hunted foothills scientists unsolved million plains every

Dinosaurs

Dinosaurs were amazing creatures. Some were plant-eaters while others were meat-eaters.

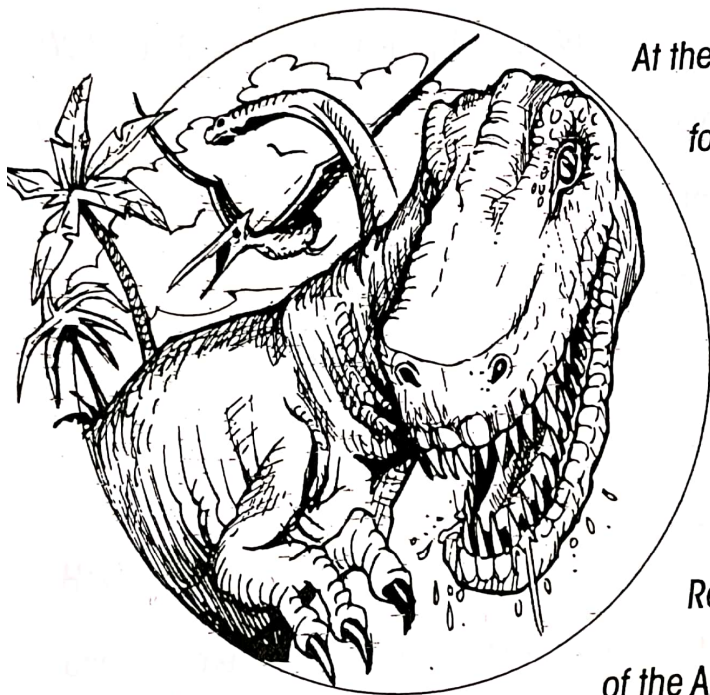
Some were the ¹ of a chicken! Others were many times bigger than an

² but with a brain the same size as your pet cat's! They lived millions

of years ago, but ³ discover several new kinds of dinosaur fossil

⁴ year. Discoveries are mainly made in China, Mongolia, the central

⁵ of the USA, Argentina and Australia.



At the start of this ⁶, two

fossils were discovered in China. They were

about 130 ⁷ years old

One is the first to be

with its feather-like body covering still

intact.

Recently, researchers in the

of the Andes Mountains found the almost complete

¹⁰ of a meat-eater. It is possibly the world's oldest

fossil—230 million years old! (It would take you 11 days to count to one million!) The so

expedition also found ¹² of two predators near a river. They had a bird-l

skull and ¹³ their prey standing upright on two hind legs.

We know a lot about them—but the ¹⁴ of why dinosaurs disapp

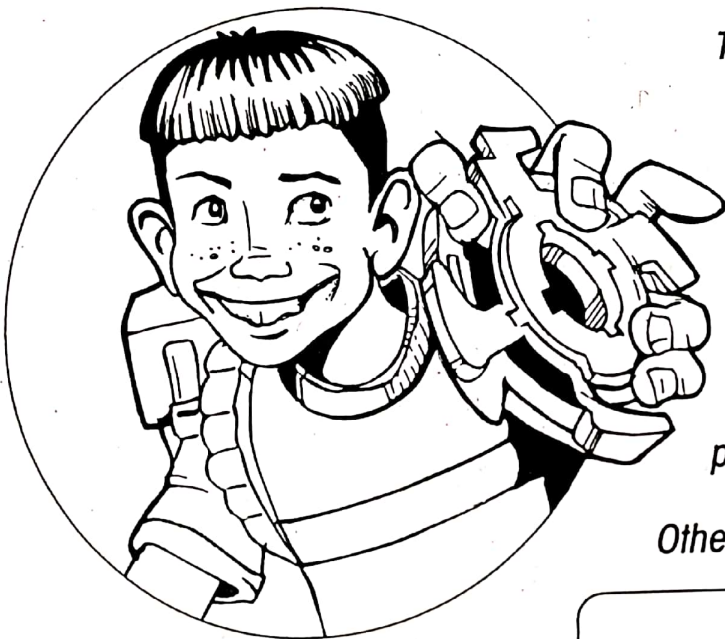
still remains ¹⁵.

Use the following words to complete the passage.
young dangerous spinning countries dangers today ignore
swallowed costs Christmas injury cartwheels kites film batteries

Children's Toys

Ancient Greek and Roman children flew their ¹, rolled hoops and whipped tops, but didn't have the variety of toys you have ².

Many very expensive toys appear around ³. However, the top toy in pre-Christmas sales in 2002 was a simple ⁴ top called a 'beyblade'. It is used to play 'attack' games and only ⁵ about £6.



Toys are great fun but there are also

⁶. Messages on some packets warn that a particular toy may be ⁷ for children under three as it contains tiny parts which could be ⁸.

Others may have sharp points which could cause

⁹ or contain poisonous liquids, such as are sometimes found in paints or crayons. We must remember that some

¹⁰ which make toys do not have our strict safety standards. One toy, a plastic elf based on a character in a Harry Potter ¹¹, has been

described as very dangerous for ¹² children by one member of Parliament.

Some modern toys are amazing—they can do ¹³, talk to you, and remind you they are there when you ¹⁴ them! There are plastic balls with ¹⁵ inside which even bounce around by themselves!

to complete the letter. You will need to read the graph to fill some of the spaces.
 accidents Japan school copied gifts America roads year
 crowded holiday cars popular factories barriers three

Bicycles! Bicycles! Bicycles!

Guilin Cottages,
5 March

Dear Roslyn,

I'm enjoying our ¹ travelling

around China but I've never seen so many bicycles! This

country has ² hundred million, about three times the number in

³ and five times as many as ⁴. I bet when bikes

were invented over 150 years ago they didn't realise they would be so

⁵. In China, a bicycle has usually been one

of the wedding ⁶ a groom gives his bride!

Bicycles are used for local travel such as going to

⁷ or to work. Millions jam the streets of

cities and many cyclists die in road ⁸ because they swerve in and out

of traffic. To encourage people to use old, ⁹ public buses, Beijing,

China's capital, has banned bikes from busy ¹⁰ between 7.00 a.m. and

8.00 a.m. They're also removing protective ¹¹ or trees which separate

car lanes from bicycles. Guangzhou has banned ¹² over 15 years old

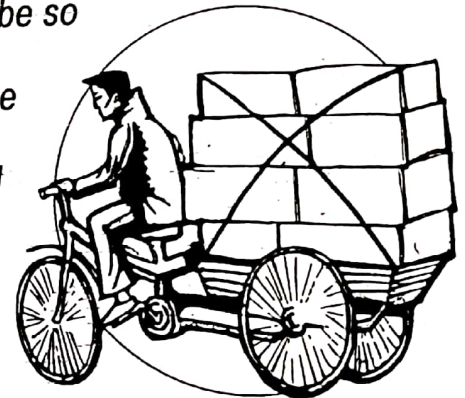
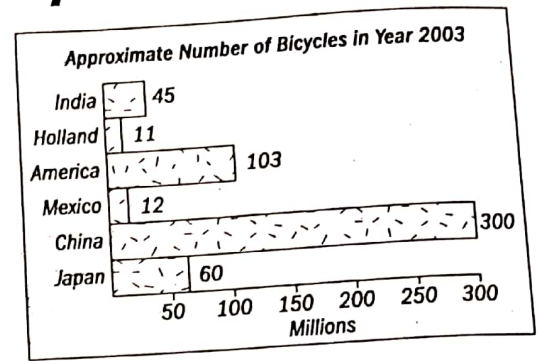
and motorcycles from its city centre. That means more bikes!

Next week we go to Shanghai where ¹³ produce over four million

bicycles every ¹⁴. Let's hope there's a subway!

Your friend, Jane.

P.S. I ¹⁵ the graph from a magazine.

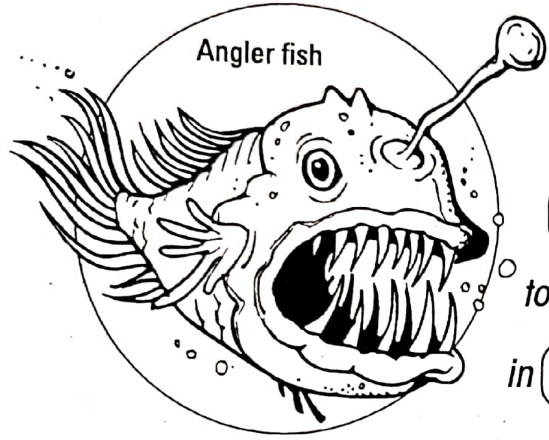
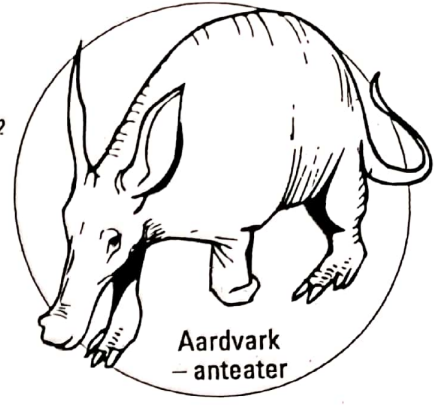


Use the following words to complete the passage. Use the diagrams to help you fill some of the gaps.

- catch microscopes fruit seen ants swimming tongue teeth
 creatures dancing angler mammal hide appearance Africa

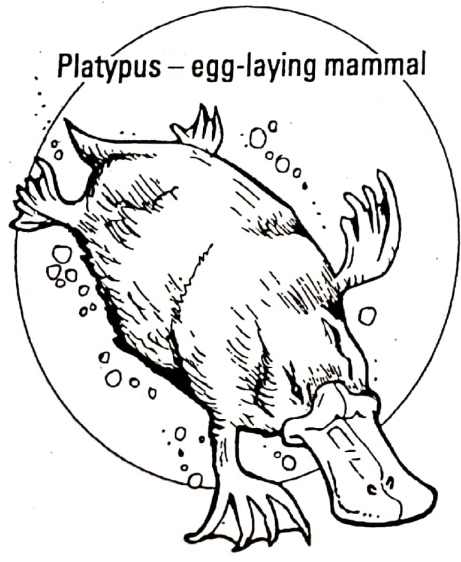
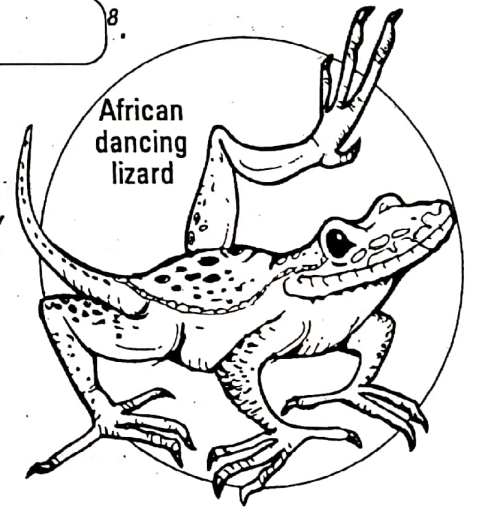
Strange Creatures

Modern electron ¹ help us to see unusual tiny creatures no-one has ever ² before. Of course, we wouldn't have needed one to see the 150 kg jellyfish, each the size of a washing machine, ³ off Japan's beaches in 2002!



Special deep-sea submarines have found ⁴ fish with rows of long sharp ⁵ and their own shining fishing rod to ⁶ prey. A lizard in the Namib Desert in ⁷ hops from leg to leg on hot sand and looks as though it is ⁸.

The odd-looking African aardvark eats ⁹ and termites and sometimes smells like rotten ¹⁰, which attracts these insects. The chameleon, a lizard with a ¹¹ as long as its body, changes colour to ¹²



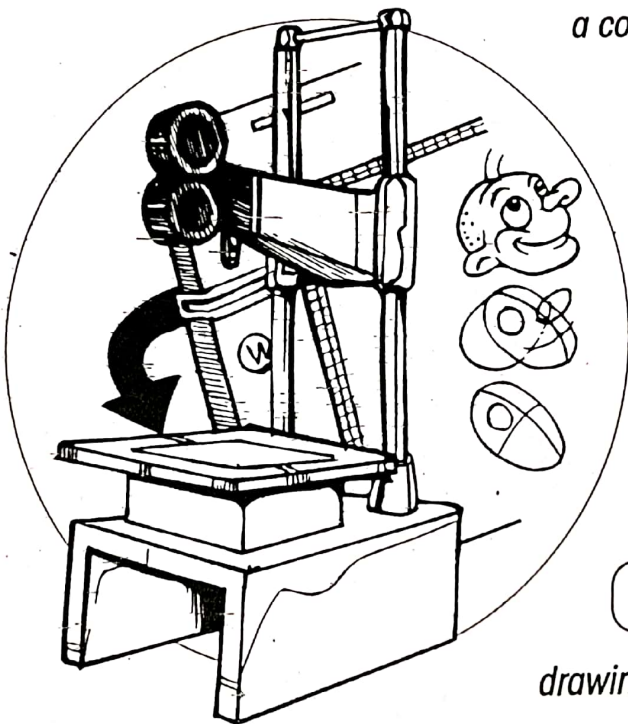
from its enemies or sneak up on insects. The Australian platypus is a ¹³ which lays eggs, and when scientists first heard reports about its strange ¹⁴ they didn't believe such weird ¹⁵ existed. How wrong could they be!

Use the following VERBS to complete the passage.
painted gallops records drawn take displayed checks use
complete jump began paid placed mixed move

Animated Films

Animation perhaps ¹ when our early ancestors drew animals galloping across cave walls or ancient Egyptians ² pictures inside tombs and temples.

To produce an animated cartoon, teams of artists ³ dozens of drawings which are then ⁴ on a 'storyboard'. A digital camera linked to a computer ⁵ them in the



story's correct order. For recording, each drawing is ⁶ under a sheet of

glass to keep it flat and absolutely still. If the drawings ⁷ slightly, the film's characters will ⁸

around jerkily on the screen. The computer then ⁹ each moving sequence of drawings to see that a horse ¹⁰

correctly or a hero's walking action looks natural.

In recent years, some artists have preferred to ¹¹ human characters instead of the cartoon animals ¹² by Walt Disney's 'storymen'. Recent films like Stuart Little have ¹³ real-life actors and computer-animated

characters which almost look real. It is thought that, in future, computer animations more life-like than Stuart Little may ¹⁴ some screen roles from real actors to avoid the huge salaries ¹⁵ to film stars.