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Sahara was most dangerous place in Earth's history

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200501-dangerous-place-4.html>

Fossil experts found what they think is the most dangerous place in the history of Earth. It is not a crime-ridden area or a war zone. It is an area of the Sahara Desert near the Morocco-Algeria border. It was a scary place 100 million years ago. The experts said it was full of terrifying and ferocious predators, like those from Jurassic Park. They said it was the "most dangerous place in the history of planet Earth". They base this on fossils found in ancient rocks.

A professor called the research, "the most comprehensive piece of work on fossil vertebrates from the Sahara in almost a century". He said: "This place was filled with absolutely enormous fish...five times larger than today's." He said they had "fearsome" teeth. Dr Nizar Ibrahim, lead author of the report, said it was a very inhospitable place, "where a human time-traveller would not last very long". It provides "a window into Africa's age of dinosaurs".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Fossil | a. zone |
| 2. It is not a crime- | b. planet Earth |
| 3. a war | c. Algeria border |
| 4. It is an area | d. in ancient rocks |
| 5. near the Morocco- | e. predators |
| 6. ferocious | f. ridden area |
| 7. in the history of | g. experts |
| 8. fossils found | h. of the Sahara |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the most comprehensive | a. traveller |
| 2. filled with absolutely | b. author of the report |
| 3. five times larger | c. piece of work |
| 4. they had "fearsome" | d. of dinosaurs |
| 5. lead | e. than today's |
| 6. it was a very inhospitable | f. teeth |
| 7. a human time- | g. place |
| 8. Africa's age | h. enormous fish |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Fossil experts found (1) _____ is the most dangerous place in the history of Earth. It is (2) _____ area or a war zone. It is (3) _____ the Sahara Desert near the Morocco-Algeria border. It was (4) _____ 100 million years ago. The (5) _____ was full of terrifying and ferocious predators, like those from Jurassic Park. They said it was the "most dangerous place in the history of planet Earth". They base this on fossils found (6) _____.

A professor (7) _____, "the most comprehensive piece of work on fossil vertebrates from the Sahara in (8) _____". He said: "This place (9) _____ absolutely enormous fish...five times larger than today's." He said they (10) _____. Dr Nizar Ibrahim, lead author of the report, said it was a (11) _____, "where a human time-traveller would not last very long". It provides "a window into Africa's (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DANGEROUS PLACES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about dangerous places in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

