



1. How many mass extinctions have there been in the history of Earth?

- A. Ten
- B. Seven
- C. Five
- D. Four

2. What is the best meaning of the word catastrophes in this excerpt from the story? Use context to help you choose your answer.

*“Plant eaters, then, didn't have any food and they died. And the meat eaters didn't have any food, so they died. So it resulted in this huge collapse of the global food web and this is one of the biggest **catastrophes** the planet has ever seen.”*

- A. Successes
- B. Mysteries
- C. Disasters
- D. Challenges

3. Which of the following best describes the main idea of this audio story?

- A. After an asteroid hit Earth, there was a large amount of debris in the atmosphere, causing photosynthesis to stop.
- B. The extinction of the dinosaurs can teach us a lot about the current extinction crisis that is happening on Earth.
- C. When an asteroid hit Earth million years ago, a group of small, feathered, flying dinosaurs survived and are the ancestors of birds.
- D. Sometimes dinosaur bones are discovered by amateurs, and there have been many major discoveries that are credited to everyday people.

4. According to the story, how do forests help slow down global warming?

“Well there's sparrows, and cardinals, and blue jays. We have sports teams named after them. So not all dinosaurs went extinct. And so the small feathered ones that had evolved the ability to fly actually survived that asteroid impact. And they are still very successful today.”

- A. When the asteroid hit, dinosaurs that could fly had an advantage over non-flying dinosaurs.
- B. American sports teams would never choose names of extinct creatures like T.Rex or velociraptor.
- C. Small, feathered dinosaurs probably survived the asteroid impact by hiding in their nests.
- D. Birds such as sparrows look the same today as they did before the asteroid hit.