

JAG01 Unit 7 Discoveries

Task 1 Idioms

A) Describe someone who...

- is a dark horse
- is a lone wolf
- is a cold fish
- is a guinea pig
- acts as/ is a guinea pig
- is a party animal

B) Complete each gap with a name of an animal.

The country has gone to the since the new government took over.

Kevin's report really put the among the pigeons, now everyone's in a state of crisis.

We're all so overworked and confused that we're just running round like headless

Very few people still use mail these days, e-mail's much easier.

I was tired, cranky and went round like a with a sore head all day.

I really got the travel after I went on a trekking holiday to Nepal.

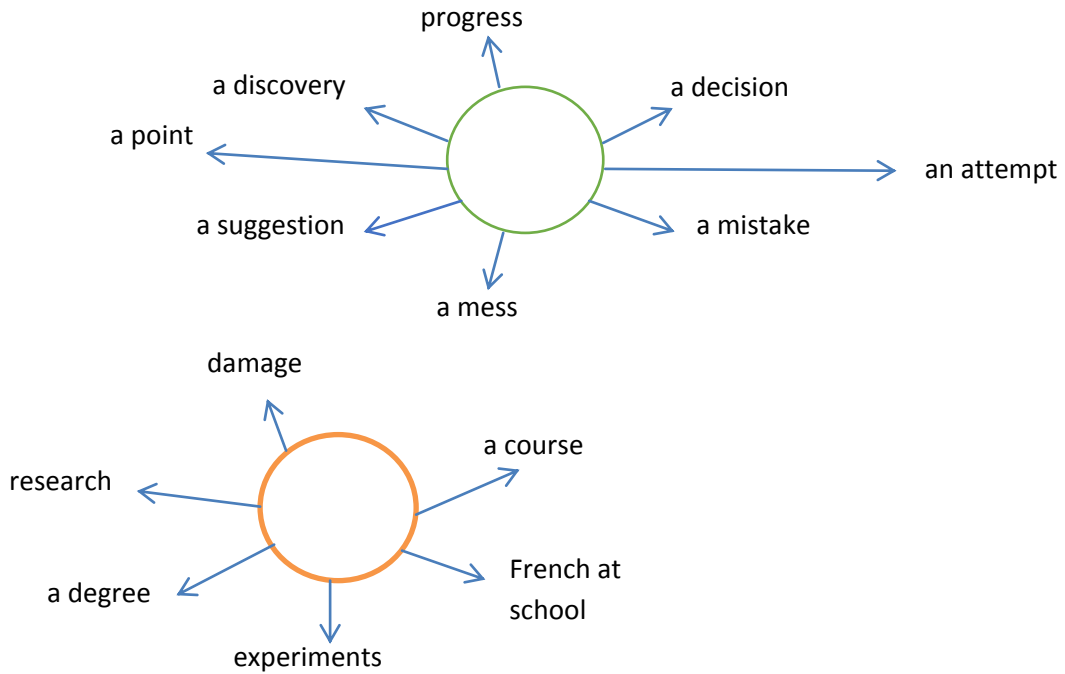
Task 2 Vocabulary: choose the word that best completes each of the sentences.

1. Many species of animals and plants today are
dangerous risky endangered
2. The indiscriminate use of pesticides has many rare species.
cancelled wiped out vanished
3. Rabbits and mice are
amphibians marsupials rodents
4. Crows and vultures are, living on carrion.
scavengers parasites bloodsuckers
5. Crocodiles and alligators are
herbivores mammals reptiles
6. The lioness lay in wait for her
target prey victim
7. The cat scratched me with its
claws fangs hooves
8. A hatches from an egg laid by a butterfly.
moth worm caterpillar
9. We saw a huge of birds through our binoculars.
flock herd pack
10. The oak and beech are trees.
bushes coniferous trees deciduous trees

Task 3 Speaking

A) Look at the diagram below. What are the two verbs that the nouns collocate with?

B) Choose two collocations from each diagram and use them in sentences.



C) Discoveries



Discuss the questions.

1. If you found a cave, would you explore it?
2. Have you ever found anything interesting while out walking?
3. As a geologist, what would you like to find/ discover?

Task 4 Reading: The Dinosaur Hunter

Scan the text about a palaeontologist. What questions do you think were asked in the interview?

Like many children, palaeontologist Nizar Ibrahim had a fascination with dinosaurs. He has spent most of his life searching for their fossils.

1. ?

As a child, I was always interested in animals. I was five when I received my first book about dinosaurs and it inspired me to want to write a book of my own. I am so inspired by the history of life on our planet and I feel that palaeontology is our best tool to understand it.

2. ?

It is difficult to choose one particular experience but honestly, locating and unearthing the largest dinosaur bone ever found in the Kem Kem region of south-eastern Morocco was a thrilling experience. There is a real build-up of excitement when searching for fossils because most finds begin as small bits of bone and the element of surprise is ever-present.

3. ?

The challenges I face during my fieldwork are very diverse and range from violent sandstorms and extensive flooding to working in the middle of the Sahara in 50°C heat. Several years ago, I led a small expedition to the Sahara, on a very restrictive budget, with just one vehicle and extremely limited supplies, which turned out to be one of the most challenging trips.

4. ?

First, follow your dreams and don't let anyone take them away from you. Second, don't be discouraged. Obstacles are a part of life and can be overcome. Third: make big plans.

In the text above, find words matching the definitions below:

- discovering something in the ground
- a gradual increase in something
- very different
- strong and powerful
- limiting, preventing from growing
- feeling less determined or confident

Task 5 Video: How we unearthed the Spinosaurus

(https://www.ted.com/talks/nizar_ibrahim_how_we_unearthed_the_spinosaurus#t-318051)

Read the introductory paragraph and explain the words in bold.

*Nizar Ibrahim's **quest** to find dinosaur fossils has taken him to extreme corners of the planet. In the Sahara, he discovered the **remains** of a **bizarre** but beautiful creature.*

Watch the TED talk and answer the questions:

1. What did Nazir already know about the Spinosaurus?
2. What did he discover from the bones that were found?
3. What does he mean by the quote he says when concluding his talk?

After you watch:

What kind of things do you think we will never know about the Spinosaurus? Why not?