



Fossils and Evidence of Past Life

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 3

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- A) Jellyfish
- B) Small meat-eating dinosaurs
- C) Giant plant-eating dinosaurs
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4. In Grade 3 science, a mammoth is considered an ancient ____ of today's elephant.

- A) enemy
- B) ancestor
- C) robot
- D) predator

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

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